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TABLE OF MOVEABLE FEASTS.

Year of our Lord.	Ash- Wednesday.	Easter- Sunday.	Whit- Sunday.	Corpus Christi.	Ist Sunday of Advent.
1869	10 Febr.	28 Mar.	16 May.	27 May.	28 Nov.
1870	2 Mar.	17 Apr.	5 June.	16 June.	27 Nov.
1871	22 Febr.	9 Apr.	28 May.	8 June.	3 Dec.
1872	13 Febr.	31 Mar.	19 May.	30 May.	1 Dec.
1873	26 Febr.	13 Apr.	1 June.	12 June.	30 Nov.
1874	18 Febr.	5 Apr.	24 May.	4 June.	29 Nov.
1875	10 Febr.	28 Mar.	16 May.	27 May.	28 Nov.
1876	1 Mar.	16. Apr.	4 June.	15 June.	3 Dec.
1877	14 Febr.	1. Apr.	20 May.	31 May.	2 Dec.
1878	6 Mar.	21. Apr.	9 June.	20 June.	1 Dec.
1879	26 Febr.	13. Apr.	1 June.	12 June.	30 Nov.
1880	11 Febr.	28. Mar.	16 May.	27 May.	28 Nov.

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1820	11 Koz	38 Muz	10 Muz	34 Muz	30 Muz	30 Muz	30 Muz
1821	30 Koz	13 Yuz	1 June	13 June	13 June	30 Muz	30 Muz
1822	0 Muz	31 Yuz	5 June	30 June	30 June	1 Dec	1 Dec
1823	14 Koz	1 Yuz	30 Muz	31 Muz	31 Muz	5 Dec	5 Dec
1824	1 Muz	10 Yuz	4 June	12 June	12 June	9 Dec	9 Dec
1825	10 Koz	38 Muz	10 Muz	31 Muz	31 Muz	38 Muz	38 Muz
1826	18 Koz	2 Yuz	54 Muz	4 June	4 June	30 Muz	30 Muz
1827	30 Koz	13 Yuz	1 June	13 June	13 June	30 Muz	30 Muz
1828	13 Koz	31 Muz	10 Muz	30 Muz	30 Muz	1 Dec	1 Dec
1829	33 Koz	8 Yuz	33 Muz	8 June	8 June	3 Dec	3 Dec
1830	3 Muz	13 Yuz	2 June	10 June	10 June	31 Muz	31 Muz
1831	10 Koz	38 Muz	10 Muz	34 Muz	34 Muz	30 Muz	30 Muz

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AN ABRIDGMENT
OF THE CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE.

THE DECALOGUE OR TEN COMMANDMENTS.

Exodus XX.

1) I am the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, and out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt not have strange gods before me. Thou shalt not make to thyself a graven thing, nor the likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, nor of those things that are in the waters under the earth. Thou shalt not adore them, nor serve them; I am the Lord thy God, mighty, jealous, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon their children unto the third and fourth generation of those that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of those that love me, and keep my commandments.

2) Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that shall take the name of the Lord his God in vain.

3) Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day. Six days shalt thou labour, and shalt do all thy works; but on the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God; thou shalt do no work on it, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy beast, nor the stranger, that is within thy gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and the sea, and all the things that are in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it.

4) Honour thy father and thy mother, that thou mayest be long lived upon the land which the Lord thy God will give thee.

5) Thou shalt not kill.

6) Thou shalt not commit adultery.

7) Thou shalt not steal.

8) Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

9) Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife.

10) Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, nor his servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is his.

THE FIVE PRECEPTS OF THE CHURCH.

- 1) To hear Mass on Sundays and all holidays of obligation.
- 2) To fast and abstain on the days commanded.
- 3) To confess our sins at least once a year.
- 4) To receive the blessed Eucharist at Easter, or within the time appointed.
- 5) Not to solemnize marriage at the forbidden times, nor to marry persons within the forbidden degrees of kindred, or otherwise prohibited by the Church, nor clandestinely.

SEVEN SACRAMENTS.

- 1) Baptism . . . Matt. XXVIII. 19.
- 2) Confirmation . . . Acts. VIII. 17.
- 3) Eucharist . . . Matt. XVI. 26.
- 4) Penance . . . John. XX. 23.

- 5) Extreme Unction. James V. 14.
- 6) Holy Orders . . Luke XXII. 19.
- 7) Matrimony . . Matt. XIX. 6.

THE THREE THEOLOGICAL VIRTUES.

Faith — Hope — and Charity.

THE FOUR CARDINAL VIRTUES.

Prudence — Justice — Fortitude —
Temperance.

THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY GHOST.

Isa. XI. 2, 3.

Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and the Fear of the Lord.

THE TWELVE FRUITS OF THE HOLY GHOST.

Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience, Longanimity, Goodness, Benignity, Mildness, Fidelity, Modesty, Continency, and Chastity. —

THE SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY.

To give counsel to the doubtful.

To instruct the ignorant.

To admonish sinners.

To comfort the afflicted.

To forgive offences.
To bear patiently the troublesome.
To pray for the living and the dead.

THE CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY.

To feed the hungry.
To give drink to the thirsty.
To clothe the naked.
To harbour the harbourless.
To visit the sick.
To visit the imprisoned.
To bury the dead.

THE EIGHT BEATITUDES.

- 1) Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 2) Blessed are the meek; for they shall possess the land.
- 3) Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted.
- 4) Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after justice; for they shall be filled.
- 5) Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy.
- 6) Blessed are the clean of heart; for they shall see God.

7) Blessed are the peace-makers; for they shall be called the children of God.

8) Blessed are they that suffer persecution for justice sake; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS AND THE
OPPOSITE VIRTUES.

Pride,	Humility,
Covetousness,	Liberality,
Lust,	Chastity,
Anger,	Meekness,
Gluttony,	Temperance,
Envy,	Brotherly love,
Sloth,	Diligence.

SINS AGAINST THE HOLY GHOST.

Presumption of God's mercy, — Despair, — Impugning the known truth, — Envy at another's spiritual good, — Obstinacy in sin, — Final impenitence.

SINS CRYING TO HEAVEN FOR VENGEANCE.

Wilful murder, — The sin of Sodom, — Oppression of the poor, — Defrauding labourers of their wages.

NINE WAYS OF BEING ACCESSARY TO
ANOTHER'S SIN.

By counsel, — By command, — By
consent, — By provocation, — By praise or
flattery, — By concealment, — By par-
taking, — By silence, — By defence of
the ill done. —

THREE EMINENT GOOD WORKS.

Alms-deeds or works of mercy, —
Prayer, — Fasting.

THE EVANGELICAL COUNSELS.

Voluntary poverty, — Chastity, —
Obedience.

THE FOUR LAST THINGS TO BE
REMEMBERED.

Death, — Judgment, — Hell, — Heaven.

SUBJECTS FOR DAILY MEDITATION.

Remember, Christian soul, that thou
hast this day, and every day of thy life:
God to glorify,
Jesus to imitate,
The angels and saints to invoke,
A soul to save,

A body to mortify,
Sins to expiate,
Virtues to acquire,
Hell to avoid,
Heaven to gain,
Eternity to prepare for,
Time to profit of,
Neighbours to edify,
The world to despise,
Devils to combat,
Passions to subdue,
Death perhaps to suffer,
And judgment to undergo. —

UPON THE SIGN OF THE CROSS.

This sign is prescribed in our Rituals to be frequently used, particularly in the administration of baptism, and in the sacrifice of the Altar, to signify that all grace is derived from the passion of Christ. The cross, besides, is marked on all parts of the dress of our ministers, and on the vessels appropriated to the service, to denote their destination. On the Altar is raised a cross with the figure of a dead Christ on it, to bring to our minds that it was he, who died for the

sins of the world, and that there is no other name under heaven whereby we must be saved. Finally, we often sign ourselves with the sign of the cross, pronouncing the words: „In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen;“ thereby attesting our belief in the blessed Trinity, and in the incarnation and death of our Saviour.

HOLY OR BLESSED WATER.

From the history of the earliest ages of the Church, we are informed that it was the practice to bless all inanimate things destined for the use of man, and particularly such as were used in the services of religion. Thus, a blessing was pronounced over the water and oil used in the administration of the sacraments. Besides this, water mixed with salt that had been blessed, was placed at the porch of churches, with which the faithful washed their hands and signed their foreheads as they entered, and with the same water they and other things were often sprinkled by the minister. Of this ancient practice much still remains in the

Catholic Church, influenced as she is by the religious motives, which in this and other concerns, actuated the founders of her discipline: and laudably tenacious, as she ever must be, of antiquity. Salt, mingled with water, is deemed the emblem of prudence and incorruption: and the water denotes purity and innocence of heart; while he that enters the place of worship, and applies it, with the sign of the cross, to his forehead, is admonished by the action, that with cleanliness of heart and hand he should appear in the presence of his Creator.

THE LORDS PRAYER.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

THE ANGELICAL SALUTATION.

Hail, Mary! full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

MORNING PRAYERS.

I

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ crucified I arise; bless me, O Lord, defend me, preserve me, and keep me; and after this short and miserable pilgrimage bring me to life everlasting. Amen.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever. Amen.

Let us pray:

Lord God, and King of heaven and earth, vouchsafe this day to rule and sanctify, to direct and govern our souls and bodies, our senses, words and actions in a conformity to thy law, and a strict obedience to thy commands; that by the help of thy grace, O Saviour of the world, we may be fenced and freed from all evils, both now and for ever. Amen.

O blessed Virgin Mary, be thou a mother to me; take me and mine under thy holy protection, and continually represent to the eternal Father in our behalf the

merits of the death and passion of thy Son.

O all you glorious angels and saints, and you in particular, my holy patrons N. and N., pray for us poor children of Eve to our common Lord, that we may ever serve him here, till we come with you to love him for all eternity.

O angel of God, who by divine appointment art my Guardian, to watch over me in all my ways, be pleased this day to illuminate, preserve, rule, and govern me, whom the goodness of our God has committed to thy charge, and to defend me from all the powers of darkness.

May the divine assistance remain always with us; and may the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Our Father . . . Hail Mary . . .

The Apostle's Creed.

II.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

O my God, my only good, the author of my being, and my last end, I give

thee my heart. Praise, honour, and glory
be to thee for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Father . . . Hail Mary . . .

I adore and glorify thee, O blessed
Trinity, God Almighty, Father, Son, and
Holy Ghost. I offer myself to thy divine
Majesty; humbly beseeching thee to take
from me, and from all thy faithful, what-
ever displeases thee, and to give us that
which is grateful in thy sight: grant
that we may here do what thou command-
est, and hereafter receive what thou
promisest.

To thee, O Lord, I commend my soul
and body [my wife and children, my fa-
ther and mother, my brothers and sisters],
my kinsfolk, benefactors, and friends, all
my nearest and dearest relatives, and all
those for whom I am in any way bound
to offer up my prayers. To thee I com-
mend the holy Catholic Church. Grant,
O Lord, that all may know thee, all may
honour and reverence thee, all may love
thee and be loved by thee. Reduce those
that err, and bring them again into the
way of truth; abolish heresies, and con-
vert all to the true faith, who as yet do

not know thee. Grant us, O Lord, thy grace, and preserve us in thy peace; may thy holy will be done and not ours.

Lastly I commend all universally to thy holy protection, beseeching thee, that thou wouldest vouchsafe to grant to the living the forgiveness of their sins, and to the souls departed everlasting rest. Amen.

Holy Mother of God pray for me a sinner, that I may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

O my angel-guardian, illuminate, defend and govern me this day in all my thoughts, words and actions.

Bless us, O Lord, and preserve us from all evil, and bring us to eternal life; and may the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

III.

MORNING-HYMN.

Brightly shines the morning star;
Pray we God his grace to give,
That from sin and danger far,
We the coming day may live.

That the tongue by Him withheld,
May from sounds of strife refrain;
That the eye from roving quell'd,
Seek not sights corrupt or vain.

*

That the heart, with pureness fraught,
May from folly turn aside;
And the flesh, by temperance taught,
Calm its lusts, and veil its pride.

*

That, when He the day shall close,
And the night successive bring,
We triumphant o'er our foes,
May our hymn of glory sing.

*

Glory, Sire of all, to thee;
And to thee, co-equal Son,
With the Spirit, glory be;
One in Three and Three in One. Amen.

Let us pray.

Almighty Lord and God, who hast
brought us to the beginning of this day,
let thy powerful grace so conduct us
through it, that we may not fall into
any sins; but that all our thoughts,
words and actions, may be regulated

according to the rules of thy heavenly justice, and tend to the observance of thy holy law, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Obtain for me, O blessed Mother of God, from thy only begotten Son, whatsoever thou knowest to be necessary for the salvation of my soul.

May the souls departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

EVENING PRAYERS.

I.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever. Amen.

O my God, I firmly believe, that thou art here, and perfectly seest me, and that thou observest all my actions, all my thoughts, and the most secret motions of my heart. Thou watchest over me with an incomparable love, every moment bestowing favours, and preserving me from evil. Blessed be thy holy name, and may all creatures bless thy

goodness for the benefits, I have ever received from thee, and particularly this day. May the saints and angels supply my defect in rendering thee due thanks. Never permit me to be so wicked as to repay thy bounties with ingratitude, and thy blessings with offences and injuries.

The Confiteor.

I confess to Almighty God, to blessed Mary, ever a Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy apostles Peter and Paul, and to all the saints, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed: through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault.

[Here examine what sins you have committed this day, by thought, word, deed, or omission.]

Therefore I beseech the blessed Mary ever a Virgin, blessed Michael, the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy apostles Peter and Paul, and all the saints, to pray to the Lord our God for me.

May Almighty God have mercy on us,

and forgive us our sins, and bring us to life everlasting. Amen.

O my God, I detest these and all other sins, which I have committed against thy divine Majesty. I am extremely sorry that I have offended thee, because thou art infinitely good, and sin displeaseth thee. I love thee with my whole heart, and firmly purpose, by the help of thy grace, never more to offend thee. I adore all the designs of thy divine Providence, resigning myself entirely to thy will. —

May the blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph and all the saints, pray for us to our Lord, that we may be preserved this night from sin and all evils. Amen.

And may the souls departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

II.

O eternal, infinite, and almighty God, whose glory the heaven of heavens cannot contain, look down on thy unworthy servant, prostrate at the feet of thy mercy, and humbly confessing to thee, in the sight of all thy holy angels and

blessed saints, the sinfulness and vanity of my life, but especially the transgressions of this day, by which I have so grievously wounded my own soul.

[Here examine diligently what sins you may have fallen into this day, and then humbly confessing them proceed thus:]

Of these and all my other sins, I most sincerely repent, and am heartily sorry for every thought, word, and deed, by which I have displeased the eyes of thy glory, and provoked thy wrath and indignation against me: especially for my disobedience to so holy a law, and extreme ingratitude to so gracious and bountiful a God. I acknowledge, O Lord, that I have not merited the least of thy mercies, but rather deserve the greatest of thy judgments; but as thou hast revealed thyself to be a God of pity and compassion, forgiving the iniquities of such as truly repent, I therefore with a penitent and contrite heart, freely confess the guiltiness of my own conscience, and beseech all the saints, to pray to the Lord our God for me.

And now, O most gracious and liberal

Benefactor, I praise and magnify thy holy name for thy great and innumerable benefits, proceeding purely from thy bounty, and intended wholly for my good; particularly for preserving me this day in the midst of so many dangers incident to my condition, and delivering me from so many calamities and miseries as are due to my sins. Grant, O Lord Jesus, that I may constantly serve thee with a true and faithful obedience, and inseparably adhere to thee with a pure and perfect love.

May the blessed Virgin Mary, our guardian-angel, our patrons, and all the saints intercede for us, that we may be preserved this night from sin and all evils. Amen.

III.

EVENING-HYMN.

Ere the waning light decay,
God of all, to thee we pray,
Thee thy healthful grace to send,
Thee to guard us and defend.

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Guard from dreams that may affright,
Guard from terrors of the night;
Guard from foes, without, within;
Outward danger, inward sin.

*
Mindful of our only stay,
Duly thus to thee we pray;
Duly thus to thee we raise,
Trophies of our grateful praise.

*
Hear our prayer, Almighty King!
Hear thy praises while we sing,
Hymning with thy heavenly host,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Bless, O Lord, the repose I am going
to take, that by renewing my bodily
strength, I may be the better enabled
to serve thee. O all ye saints and angels,
but especially thou, O Mother of God,
intercede for me, not only during this
night and the rest of my life, but more
particularly at the hour of my death.
Amen.

In the name of thy beloved Son Jesus,
I humbly beg of thee, O Lord, so to wash
me with his precious blood, that my sins

may be entirely remitted. I am sorry that I have offended thee, and purpose, never more to offend thee.

Let us pray:

Visit, we beseech thee, O Lord, this habitation, and drive far from it all the snares of the enemy; let thy holy angels dwell herein, who may keep us in peace, and let thy blessing be always upon us: through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, give to the souls of thy servants departed, full remission of all their offences, that through the help of pious supplications, they may obtain the pardon of which they have been always desirous: who livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.

V. Give them, O Lord, eternal rest.

R. And let perpetual light shine unto them.

V. May they rest in peace.

R. Amen.

GRACE BEFORE MEALS.

Bless us, O Lord, and these thy gifts, which we are about to receive of thy bounty, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GRACE AFTER MEALS.

We give thee thanks, Almighty God, for all thy benefits, who livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell, the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of Saints; the

forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and life ever lasting. Amen.

THE NICENE CREED.

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, and born of the Father, before all ages; God of God, Light of Light, true God of true God; begotten, not made; consubstantial to the Father; by whom all things were made. Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven; and became incarnate by the Holy Ghost, of the Virgin Mary; and was made man. He was crucified also for us, suffered under Pontius Pilate, and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the scriptures; and ascended into heaven, sitteth at the right hand of the Father, and he is to come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; of whose kingdom there shall be no end. And in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and

the Son; who together with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church; I confess one baptism for the remission of sins, and I expect the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

ACTS OF FAITH, HOPE, AND CHARITY.

A prayer to be said before these Acts:

O Almighty and eternal God, grant to us the increase of faith, hope and charity; and that we may deserve to obtain what thou hast promised, make us to love what thou commandest. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

AN ACT OF FAITH.

I firmly believe there is one God, and that in this one God there are three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost; that the Son took to himself the nature of man from the Virgin Mary's womb, by the omnipotent power

of the Holy Ghost, and that in this our human nature he was crucified and died for us; that afterwards he rose again, and ascended up into heaven, from whence he shall come to repay the just everlasting glory, and the wicked everlasting punishment. Moreover, I believe whatsoever else the Catholic Church proposeth to be believed, and this because God, who is the sovereign Truth, which can neither deceive nor be deceived, hath revealed all these things to this his Church.

AN ACT OF HOPE.

O my God, relying on thine almighty power, and thine infinite mercy and goodness, and because thou art faithful to thy promises, I trust in thee that thou wilt grant me forgiveness of my sins, through the merits of Jesus Christ thy Son; and that thou wilt give me the assistance of thy grace, with which I may labour to continue to the end in the diligent exercise of all good works, and may deserve to obtain the glory, which thou hast promised in heaven. —

AN ACT OF CHARITY.

O Lord, my God, I love thee with my whole heart, and above all things, because thou, O God, art the sovereign good, and for thine infinite perfections art most worthy of all love; and, for thy sake, I also love my neighbour as myself.

AN ACT OF CONTRITION.

O my God, for the sake of thy sovereign goodness and infinite perfection, which I love above all things, I am exceedingly sorry from the bottom of my heart, and am grieved for having offended by my sins this thine infinite goodness; and I firmly resolve, by the assistance of thy grace, never more to offend thee for the time to come, and carefully to avoid the occasions of sin.

A PRAYER TO THE HOLY GHOST.

Author of sanctification of our souls,
Spirit of Love and Truth! I adore thee

as the primary source of my eternal happiness, I thank thee as the sovereign dispenser of the benefits I receive from on high; I invoke thee as the beneficent giver of that portion of light and strength which thou knowest to be necessary for me in the practice of good works. Spirit of Wisdom! enlighten my understanding, fortify my will, purify my heart, regulate all its motions; and grant me an attentive docility to all thy holy inspirations. Amen.

PRAYER TO OUR GUARDIAN ANGEL.

O holy Angel, to whose care God in his mercy hath committed me, I return thee now my most sincere and humble thanks; I conjure thee, O amiable Guide, to continue still thy care; to defend me against my enemies; to remove from me the occasions of sin; to obtain for me a constant docility to divine inspirations; to protect me in particular at the hour of my death; and then to conduct me to the mansions of eternal repose, where, in thy blessed society, I may praise our Creator for ever. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR PARENTS.

Assist me, O heavenly Father, in discharging my duty to my children, give me that true Christian discretion, that I may see, what to grant, what to deny, and let neither passion, ill-humour, or fondness, make me yield to them in anything that will be to the prejudice of either soul or body: enable me always to give them good example, to preserve them from ill company, from hearing or seeing what may induce them to evil, and when they do amiss, to timely correct them out of love, but not in passion. Deliver me from all manner of prodigality, from the love of gaming, from all intemperance, idleness, vanity, or ill management that may hinder me from providing for their comfortable subsistence in this life; but let me not prepare them for unhappiness, by being too solicitous to make them worldly great.

Direct me, O God, in all particulars, that can contribute to their Christian education, and help me to remove from them all that may do them hurt. Deliver

me from all indiscret partialities , from discouraging them, or showing any unreasonable uneasiness, as may put them upon rash methods for the remedy of the troubles they find at home. Be thou a Father to them, and supply by thy goodness whatever is wanting in me; preserve them against the corruption of the world, of sin, and all evil, and move them to all good. Deliver them from the effects of a vain and inconstant mind, and make them always thy faithful children here, that they may come at length to that hapiness which Christ has purchased for them. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR CHILDREN.

O Heavenly Father, who commandest us to obey, love, respect, and honour our parents, grant that I may always comply with this thy command, be always faithful in the performance of all it enjoins, and never do anything contrary thereunto. May I ever deny myself in all lawful things to please my parents, and obey them in all they can justly require or expect from me. Let me

never contradict them, or so dispute against their proposals as to make them uneasy. May I always consult with them in all that belongs to them and me; may I never hearken to those who suggest the undervaluing or neglecting my parents' advice; may I never grieve them by following ill counsel, wicked company, or any evil ways. May I always study to be their comfort, and so make some recompense for all the care, trouble, and love they have had for me; may I never show any impatience at their infirmities, much less mock at any weakness to which they are subject. Direct me, O God, in every thing belonging to my duty, and let no change of circumstances draw me from it; may I in no lawful thing whatever offend my parents on earth, nor displease thee, my Father, who art in heaven. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH ON
VARIOUS FEASTS.

1. For Advent.

Raise up our hearts, O Lord, we beseech thee, to prepare the ways of thine

only Son; that by his coming, being reconciled to thee, we may serve thee in holiness all the days of our lives: who livest and reignest, God, world without end. Amen.

2. On Christmas-day.

Grant, we beseech thee, O Almighty God, that we who groan under the old captivity of sin, may be freed therefrom by the new birth of thine only begotten Son. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

3. The Circumcision.

O God, who by the fruitful virginity of blessed Mary hast given to mankind the rewards of eternal salvation: grant, we beseech thee, that we may experience her intercession, by whom we received the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

4. The Epiphanie.

O God, who by the direction of a star

didst this day manifest thine only Son to the Gentiles: mercifully grant that we, who now know thee by faith, may come at length to see the glory of thy Majesty. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

5. For Lent.

O God, who by sin art offended and by penance pacified, mercifully regard the prayers of thy people, who makes supplication to thee, and turn away the scourges of thine anger, which we deserve for our sins. Spare, O Lord, spare thy people, that having been justly punished for our sins, we may find comfort in thy mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

6. On Easter-day.

O God, who hast on this day, through thy only begotten Son, by his victory over death, laid open to us the gates of eternity: grant thy aid for the accomplishment of those good desires, which owe their origin to thy preventing grace.

Through the same Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

7. Ascension-day.

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God,
that we, who believe that thine only
Son, our Redeemer, ascended this day
into heaven, may also have our hearts
fixed on heavenly things. Through the
same Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

For Pentecost.

O God, who hast taught this day the
hearts of the faithful by the light of the
Holy Spirit, grant, that we may by the
gift of the same Spirit be always truly
wise, and ever rejoice in his consolations.
Through the same Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

9. Corpus Christi.

O God, who in this wonderful sacra-
ment hast left us a perpetual memorial
of thy passion: grant us, we beseech
thee, so to reverence the sacred myste-
ries of thy body and blood, that in our
souls we may be always sensible of the

fruit of thy redemption, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest, God, world without end. Amen.

10. S. Peter and Paul.

O God, who hast consecrated this day by the martyrdom of thy glorious apostles, Peter and Paul: grant that thy Church may in all things follow their direction, by whom was laid the foundation of her religion. Through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

11. The Assumption.

Forgive, o Lord, we beseech thee, the sins of thy people, that we, who are not able to do anything of ourselves, that can be pleasing to thee, may be assisted in the way of salvation by the prayers of the Mother of thine only Son, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth God, world without end. Amen.

12. All Saints.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose favour we honour in one solemnity the merits of all thy saints: grant

that we may obtain a most plentiful blessing of thy so much desired mercy, since we have so many interceding in our behalf. Through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

AN UNIVERSAL PRAYER,
FOR ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO
SALVATION.

O my God, I believe in thee; do thou strengthen my faith. All my hopes are in thee, do thou secure them. I love thee with my whole heart; teach me to love thee daily more and more. I am sorry that I have offended thee; do thou increase my sorrow.

I adore thee as my first beginning;
I aspire after thee as my last end;
I give thee thanks as my constant Benefactor;

I call upon thee as my sovereign Protector
Vouchsafe, O my God, to conduct me by thy wisdom, to restrain me by thy justice, to comfort me by thy mercy, to defend me by thy power.

To thee I desire to consecrate all my

thoughts, words, actions and sufferings; that henceforward I may think of thee, speak of thee, willingly refer all my actions to thy greater glory, and suffer willingly whatever thou shalt appoint.

Lord, I desire that in all things thy will may be done, because it is thy will, and in the manner thou willest.

I beg of thee to enlighten my understanding, to inflame my will, to purify my body, and to sanctify my soul.

Give me strength, O my God, to expiate my offences, to overcome my temptations, to subdue my passions, and to acquire the virtues proper for my state.

Fill my heart with a tender affection for thy goodness, a hatred for my faults, a love for my neighbour, and a contempt for the world.

Let me always remember to be submissive to my superiors, condescending to my inferiors, faithful to my friends, and charitable to my enemies.

Assist me to overcome sensuality by mortification, avarice by alms-deeds, anger by meekness, and tepidity by devotion. O my God, make me prudent in my un-

dertakings, courageous in dangers, patient in afflictions, and humble in prosperity. Grant that I may be ever attentive at my prayers, temperate at my meals, diligent in my employments, and constant in my good resolutions.

Let my conscience be ever upright and pure, my exterior modest, my conversation edifying, and my comportment regular.

Assist me that I may continually labour to overcome nature, to correspond with thy grace, to keep thy commandments, and to work out my salvation.

Discover to me, O my God, the nothingness of this world, the greatness of heaven, the shortness of time, and the length of eternity.

Grant that I may prepare for death, that I may fear thy judgments, that I may escape hell, and in the end obtain heaven, through the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SEVEN DEVOUT PRAYERS.

1. A prayer for God's holy Church.

O Almighty and everlasting God, who hast revealed thy glory to all nations

in Christ, preserve the works of thy mercy that the Church, spread throughout the world, may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of thy name: through &c.

2. A prayer in any necessity.

O God, our refuge and strength, the fountain of all goodness, mercifully hear the fervent prayers of thy Church, and grant that what we ask with faith, we may effectually obtain: through &c.

3. A prayer for the afflicted.

O Almighty and everlasting God, the Comforter of the sorrowful, and the support of those who are afflicted: give ear to the prayers of such as call on thee in their tribulation; that finding thy mercy present with them in their necessities, their mourning may be turned into joy: through &c.

4. A prayer in time of war.

O God, who puttest an end to wars, and, by the power of thy protection, vanquishest the opposers of such as trust in thee, help thy servants, who earnest-

ly crave thy mercy: that the evil designs of our enemies being defeated, we may praise thee with incessant gratitude: through &c.

5. In time of famine and
pestilence.

Grant us, we beseech thee, O Lord, the effect of our prayer, and mercifully turn away from thy servants all pestilence and famine: that the hearts of men may know that such scourges proceed from thy indignation, and cease by thy mercy: through &c.

6. In any tribulation.

O Almighty God, despise not thy people, who call upon thee in their afflictions; but for the glory of thy name forgive them their sins, and deliver them from all sorrow: through &c.

7. For remission of sins.

O God, who rejectest none, but art pacified by penance even towards the greatest offenders, mercifully regard the prayers of thy servants, that through thy mercy we may obtain the pardon

of our sins, and be enabled to fulfil thy commandments: through &c.

DEVOTIONS FOR MASS.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.



A PRAYER AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MASS.

O Almighty Lord of heaven and earth, behold I, a wretched sinner, presume to appear before thee this day, to offer up to thee by the hands of our High Priest, Jesus Christ, thy Son, the sacrifice of his body and blood, in union with the sacrifice which he offered to thee upon the cross: first, for thine own honour, praise, adoration, and glory: secondly, in remembrance of his death and passion: thirdly in thanksgiving for all thy blessings bestowed on him and on his whole Church, whether triumphant in heaven or militant on earth, and especially for those bestowed on me, the most unworthy of all; fourthly, for ob-

taining pardon and remission of all my sins, and of those of all others, whether living or dead, for whom I ought to pray: and, lastly, for obtaining all graces and blessings both for myself, and for thy whole Church. Oh! be thou pleased to assist me in such manner by thy grace, that I may behave myself this day as I ought to do in thy divine presence, and that I may so commemorate the death and passion of thy Son, as to partake most plentifully of the fruits of it. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER AT THE CONFITEOR.

O blessed Trinity, one God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, prostrate in spirit before thee, I here confess, in the sight of the whole court of heaven, and of all thy faithful, mine innumerable treasons against thy divine Majesty. I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned; I have grievously offended thee through the whole course of my life, in thought, word, and deed; and therefore am most unworthy to lift mine eyes to heaven, or so much as to name thy sacred name:

how much more am I unworthy to appear here in thy sanctuary, and to assist among thine angels at these heavenly mysteries, which require so much purity; because Jesus Christ himself is here in person both Priest and Victim! But, O my God, thy mercies are above all thy works, and thou wilt not despise a contrite and humble heart: and therefore I here venture to come into thy temple, and with the poor publican, and, as I hope, with the same penitential spirit, I strike my breast and say, O God, be merciful to me a sinner, O God, be merciful to me a sinner, O God, be merciful to me a sinner. And I humbly hope to find this mercy which I crave, through that passion and death which is here celebrated. O fountain of mercy, grant this mercy to me and to all poor sinners. Amen.

A PRAYER AT THE INTROIT.

Grant, O Lord, that we may be truly prepared for offering this great sacrifice to thee this day; and because our sins

alone can render us displeasing to thee,
therefore we cry aloud to thee for mercy.
Glory be to the Father &c.

Lord, have mercy upon us!

Christ, have mercy upon us!

Lord, have mercy upon us!

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.

Glory be to God on high, and on earth
peace to men of good-will. We praise
thee, we bless thee, we adore thee, we
glorify thee. We give thee thanks for
thy great glory. O Lord God, heavenly
King, God, the Father Almighty. O
Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son.
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Father, who takest away the sins of the
world, have mercy on us. Who takest
away the sins of the world, receive our
prayers. Who sittest at the right hand
of the Father, have mercy on us. For
Thou only art holy, Thou only art Lord,
Thou only art most high, O Jesus Christ,
together with the Holy Ghost, in the
glory of God the Father. Amen.

A PRAYER AT THE COLLECTS.

O Almighty God, we humbly beseech thee mercifully to give ear to the prayers here offered thee by thy servant in the name of thy whole Church, and in behalf of us thy people. Accept them, to the honour of thy name, and the good of our souls; and grant to us all mercy, grace, and salvation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

O most wise and bountiful Lord, who hast ordained this life as a passage to the future, confining our repentance to the time of our pilgrimage here, and reserving for hereafter the state of punishment and reward: vouchsafe us thy grace, while we yet are alive, and still have opportunity of reconciliation with thee, so to watch over all our actions, and correct every least deviation from the true way to heaven, that we be not surprised either with our sins uncanceled or with our duties imperfect; but when our bodies go down into the grave, may our souls have ascended to thee, to dwell

for ever in the mansions of eternal felicity. Through &c.

A PRAYER AT THE EPISTLE.

Be thou, O Lord, eternally praised and blessed, for having communicated to the holy prophets and apostles thy Spirit, disclosing to them admirable secrets, redounding to thy glory, and our great good. We firmly believe their word, because it is thine. Give us, we beseech thee, the happiness to understand from the Church, by their instructions, what is profitable, and grace to practise the same all our lives.

How wonderful, O Lord, is thy name through the whole earth. I will bless our Lord at all times: his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Be thou my God and my Protector; in thee alone will I put my trust, let me not be confounded for ever.

AT THE GOSPEL.

Mayest thou be ever adored and praised, O Lord, who not content to in-

struct and inform us by thy prophets and apostles, hast even vouchsafed to speak to us by thy only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, commanding us by a voice from heaven to hear him; grant us, O merciful God, the grace to profit by his divine and heavenly doctrine. All that is written of thee, dread Jesus, in thy gospel, is truth itself: nothing but wisdom in thy actions: power and goodness in thy miracles: light and instruction in thy words. With thee, sacred Redeemer, are the words of eternal life: to whom shall we go, but to thee, eternal Fountain of Truth? Give me, O God, grace to practise what thou commandest, and command what thou pleasest.

AT THE CREDO.

I believe, O Lord, all thou hast taught me by thy holy Church; in this faith, by the assistance of thy grace, I desire to live and die: by thy divine grace, I am convinced of the sincerity and wisdom of those who have delivered these sacred truths to me. Their miraculous success

is a sufficient proof. Where shall I go, my Lord? Thou hast the words of eternal life. Of thy truth thus delivered, my reason and will shall never doubt, though my senses and vain imaginations should. I believe, O Lord, help my unbelief.

A PRAYER TO THE OFFERTORY.

Accept, O eternal Father, this offering which is here made to thee by thy minister, in the name of us all here present, and of thy whole Church. It is yet only bread and wine, but by a miracle of thy power and grace, will shortly become the body and blood of thy beloved Son. He is our High Priest, and he is our Victim. With him and through him we desire to approach to thee this day, and by his hands to offer thee this sacrifice, for thine own honour, praise and glory; in thanksgiving for all thy benefits; in satisfaction for all our sins; and for obtaining conversion for all unbelievers, and mercy, grace, and salvation for all thy faithful. And with this offer-

ing of thine only-begotten Son we offer ourselves to thee, begging, that by virtue of this sacrifice we may be happily united to thee, and that nothing in life or death may ever separate us any more from thee. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER AT THE LAVABO,

Thou, Lord, who once vouchsafedst to wash thy disciples' feet, before their invitation to thy holy table, wash us also, we beseech thee, O Lord, and wash us again: not only our feet and hands, but our hearts, our desires, our souls, that we may be wholly innocent and pure.

Mercifully hear our prayers, O Lord, and graciously accept this oblation which we thy servants are making to thee; that as we offer it to the honour of thy name, so it may be to us a means of obtaining thy grace here, and in the next life, everlasting happiness. Amen.

A PRAYER AT THE SECRETA.

Do thou thyself, O Lord, raise up my heart, and free it from earthly affecti-

ons: let me be all in heaven where my treasure is, and on the altar where the Lamb without spot is going to be. May thy love be the end of all my thoughts, words, and actions both now and for ever. Amen.

THE PREFACE.

It is truly meet and just, right and salutary, that we always, and in all places, should give thanks to thee, O holy Lord, almighty Father, eternal God; who with thine only-begotten Son, and the Holy Ghost, art one God, one Lord; not in the singularity of one person, but in the Trinity of one substance. For what we believe of thy glory, as thou hast revealed it, that we believe of thy Son, that of the Holy Ghost, without any difference. That in the confession of the true and eternal Deity, propriety in persons, unity in essence, and equality in majesty may be adored. Which the angels praise, and the archangels, the cherubim also and the seraphim; who cease not to cry out daily, singing with one voice:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth ore full of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he
that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

A PRAYER AT THE CANON.

O eternal and most merciful Father,
behold we come to offer thee our homage
this day; we desire to adore, praise, and
glorify thee, and to give thee thanks for
thy great glory, joining our hearts and
voices with all thy blessed in heaven,
and with thy whole Church upon earth.
But acknowledging our great unworthiness
and innumerable sins, for which we are
heartily sorry, and humbly beg thy pardon,
we dare not venture to approach thee
otherwise than in company of thy Son,
our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ,
whom thou hast given us to be both
our High Priest and Sacrifice. With him,
therefore, and through him, we venture
to offer thee this sacrifice: to his most
sacred intentions we desire to unite ours;

and with this offering which he makes of himself, we desire to make an offering of our whole being to thee. With him, and through him, we beseech thee to exalt thy holy catholic Church throughout the whole world; to maintain her in peace, unity, holiness, and truth; to have mercy on thy servant N. our chief bishop, N. our prelate, N. our king, and on all that truly fear thee; on our pastor, parents, children, friends and benefactors, &c. on all those whom we have in any way scandalized, injured, or offended, or for whom we are in any other way bound to pray; on all that are in their agony, or under violent temptations, or other necessities, corporal or spiritual; on all our enemies; and, in a word, on all poor sinners; that we may be all converted to thee, and find mercy, through Jesus Christ, thy Son; through whom we hope one day to be admitted into the company of all thy saints and elect, whose memory we here celebrate, whose prayers we desire, and with whom we communicate in these holy mysteries.

AT THE ELEVATION OF THE HOST.

Most adorable body, I adore thee with all the powers of my soul. Lord, who hast given thyself entire to us, grant we may become entirely thine. I believe, O Lord, help my unbelief.

Most merciful Saviour, be thou my protector; strengthen and defend me by thy heavenly grace, now, and especially at the hour of my death, sweet Jesus. Amen.

AT THE ELEVATION OF THE CHALICE.

Most adorable blood, that wastest away all our sins, I adore thee: happy we, could we return our life and blood for thine, O blessed Victim. O Jesus, do thou cleanse, sanctify, and preserve our souls to eternal life. Live, Jesus, in us, and may we live in thee. Amen.

A PRAYER AFTER THE ELEVATION.

It is now, O Lord, with grateful hearts, we call to mind the sacred mysteries of thy passion and death, of thy resurrection

and ascension. Here is thy body that was broken: here is thy blood that was shed for us, of which these exterior signs are but the figures, and yet in reality contain the substance. It is now we truly offer thee, O Lord, that pure and holy victim, which thou hast been pleased to give us; of which all the other sacrifices were but so many types and figures.

I offer thee again, O Lord, this holy Sacrifice of the body and blood of thy only Son, in behalf of the faithful departed, and in particular for the souls of [here name whom you chiefly propose to pray for] my parents [if dead], relatives, benefactors, neighbours, &c. Likewise of such as I have any way injured, or been the occasion of their sins; of such as have injured me, and been my enemies; of such as die in war or have none to pray for them, &c. To these, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we beseech thee, a place of refreshment, light, and peace: through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

AT THE PATER NOSTER.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Deliver us from those evils, which we labour under at present; from past evils, which can be nothing but our manifold sins; and from the evils to come, which will be the just chastisement of our offences, if our prayers, and those more powerful ones of thy saints, who intercede for us, intercept not thy justice, or excite not thy bounty.

AT THE AGNUS DEI.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant us peace. —

In saying to thy Apostles, My peace I leave you, my peace I give you, thou hast promised, O Lord, to all thy Church, that peace which the world cannot give; peace with thee, and peace with ourselves.

Let nothing, O Lord, ever interrupt this holy peace: let nothing separate us from thee, to whom we heartily desire to be united, through this blessed sacrament of peace and reconciliation.

Let this food of angels strengthen us in every Christian duty, so as never more to yield under temptations, or fall into our common weaknesses.

AT THE DOMINE NON SUM DIGNUS.

[Striking your breast thrice, with humility and contrition, say:]

Lord, I am not worthy thou shouldst enter under my roof; say only the word, and my soul shall be healed.

Most loving Jesus, I adore thee with a lively faith, who art present in this sacrament by virtue of thy infinite power, wisdom, and goodness. But conscious of my infirmities and sins, I dare not now

receive thee sacramentally. All my hope is in thee! I love thee, O Lord, with all my heart, who hast so loved me; and therefore I desire to receive thee now spiritually; come, therefore, O Lord, to me in spirit, and heal my sinful soul. Feed me, for I am hungry; strengthen me, for I am weak; enliven and sanctify me with thy sacred body and blood: deliver me from all sin, and make me always obedient to thy commands; and let me never be separated from thee, my Saviour! who with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION.

Let it be now, O Lord, the effect of thy mercy, that we who have been present at this holy mystery, may find the benefit of it in our souls.

I return thee now most hearty thanks, O my God, through Jesus Christ, thy Son, that thou hast been pleased to deliver him up to death for us, and to give us his body and blood, both as a

sacrament and a sacrifice, in these holy mysteries; at which thou hast permitted me, a most unworthy sinner, to assist this day. May all heaven and earth bless and praise thee for ever, for all thy mercies. Oh! pardon me, dear Lord, all my distractions, and the manifold negligences, which I have been guilty of this day in thy sight; and let me not depart without thy benediction. Behold, I desire from this moment to give up myself, and all that belongs to me, into thy hands; and I beg that all mine undertakings; all my thoughts, words, and actions, may henceforward tend to thy glory, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING.

The blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, descend upon us, and dwell in our hearts for ever. Amen.

AT THE LAST GOSPEL.

O eternal Word, speak to my soul, which adores thee in profound silence;

thou art the great Creator of all things; abandon not, I beseech thee, thine own creature; be thou my life, my light, and my all. — O Light eternal! enlighten me in this present life, and in the life to come. Reign in me as in thine own inheritance: for thou, O Lord, hast made me: thou hast redeemed me! May I be ever thine. I have sinned too much against heaven, and before thee, and am not worthy to be called thy son. I render thee all possible praise and thanks, O Sovereign Creator, for the favour I have this day received from thy bounty, and of which many better deserving Christians are deprived. Receive, O Lord, my unworthy prayers, supply all my defects, pardon all my distractions and indevotions, and grant, that by the strength and virtue of these divine mysteries I may go on cheerfully in the path of thy commandments, love, and service, amidst all the temptations, troubles and dangers of my life's pilgrimage, till I shall one day happily arrive at thy heavenly kingdom, where, with the blessed angels and saints, I shall more clearly contemplate

thee, more perfectly enjoy thee, and more adequately celebrate thy infinite goodness and mercy, with uninterrupted canticles of eternal praise, admiration, and gratitude. Thou God Incarnate, have pity on my frail and mortal flesh, and grant it may one day see what it here adores below. Amen.

ANTHEM TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

Hail, happy Queen, thou mercy's parent hail!

Life, hope, and comfort of this earthly vale:

To thee we Heva's wretched children cry:

In sighs and tears, to thee, we suppliants fly.

Rise, glorious Advocate, exert thy love
And let our vows thine eyes of pity move.

O sweet, O pious maid! for us obtain,
For us, who lang have in our exile lain,
To see thy infant Jesus, and with him reign.

Amen.

THE ORDINARY OF THE HOLY MASS.

AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MASS.



In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

P. I will go unto the altar of God.

R. To God, who rejoiceth my youth.

Psalm 43.

P. Judge me, O God, and distinguish my cause from the nation that is not holy: from the unjust and deceitful man deliver me.

R. Since thou, o God, art my strength, why hast thou rejected me? and why do I go sorrowful whilst the enemy afflicteth me?

P. Send forth thy light and thy truth: they have conducted me, and brought me unto the holy mount, and into thy tabernacle.

R. I will go unto the Altar of God;
to God who rejoiceth my youth.

P. I will praise thee on the harp, O
God, my God; why art thou sorrow-
ful, O my soul? and why dost thou
disturb me?

R. Hope in God, for him will I still
praise; he is my God, and the Sa-
viour I look for.

P. Glory be to the Father, and to the
Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without
end. Amen.

P. I will go unto the Altar of God.

R. To God who rejoiceth my youth.

P. May our help be in the name of
the Lord.

R. Who made heaven and earth.

P. I confess to Almighty God, &c.

R. May Almighty God be merciful to
thee, and forgiving thee thy sins,
bring thee to everlasting life.

P. Amen.

R. I confess to Almighty God, to bless-
ed Mary, ever a Virgin, to blessed

Michael, the Archangel, to blessed John Baptist, to the holy apostles Peter and Paul, to all the saints, and to you, Father, that I have sinned exceedingly, in thought, word, and deed, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I beseech blessed Mary, ever a Virgin, blessed Michael, the Archangel, St. John Baptist, the holy apostles Peter and Paul, all the saints, and you, O Father, to pray to the Lord our God for me.

P. May Almighty God be merciful unto you, and, forgiving you your sins bring you to life everlasting. —

R. Amen.

P. May the Almighty and most merciful Lord grant us pardon, absolution, and remission of our sins.

R. Amen.

P. O God, thou being turned towards us, wilt enliven us.

R. And thy people will rejoice in thee.

P. Shew us, O Lord, thy mercy.

R. And grant us thy salvation.

P. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Take away from us our iniquities, we beseech thee, O Lord, that we may be worthy to enter with pure minds into the Holy of Holies; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We beseech thee, O Lord, by the merits of thy saints whose relics are here, and of all the saints, that thou wouldst vouchsafe to forgive me all my sins. Amen.

[The Introit, the Collects, the Epistle, the Gospel, the secret prayer before the Preface, the Post-communion, being different every day, may be supplied by other convenient prayers.]

AT THE KYRIE ELEISON.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

AT THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.

Glory be to God on high, and on earth
peace to men of good will. We praise
thee, we bless thee, we adore thee, we
glorify thee. We give thanks to thee
for thy great glory, O Lord God, hea-
venly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten
Son. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son
of the Father, who takest away the sins
of the world, have mercy on us; who
takest away the sins of the world, receive
our prayer; who sittest at the right hand
of the Father, have mercy on us. For
thou only art holy, thou only art the
Lord, thou only, O Jesus Christ, together
with the Holy Ghost, art most high, in
the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE PRAYER BEFORE THE GOSPEL.

Cleanse my heart and my lips, O Al-
mighty God, who didst cleanse the lips

of the prophet Isaias with a burning coal; and vouchsafe through thy gracious mercy, so to purify me, that I may worthily attend to thy holy Gospel: through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bless me, O Lord.

May the Lord be in my heart and on my lips, that I may worthily and in a becoming manner attend to his Gospel. Amen.

THE NICENE CREED.

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, the maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; born of the Father before all ages: God of God: Light of Light; true God of true God; begotten not made; consubstantial to the Father, by whom all things were made. Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost, of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. Was crucified also for us, suffered under Pontius Pilate, and was buried; and the third

day he rose again, according to the scriptures. And ascended into heaven, sitteth at the right hand of the Father, and shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; of whose kingdom there shall be no end.

And in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who together with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I expect the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

AT THE OFFERTORY.

Accept, O holy Father, Almighty and Eternal God, this unspotted host, which I thy unworthy servant offer unto thee, my living and true God, for my own innumerable sins, offences, and negligences, and for all here present, as also for all faithful Christians both living

and dead, that it may avail both me and them unto eternal life. Amen.

O God, who in creating human nature didst wonderfully dignify it, and afterwards more wonderfully reform it, grant that by the mystery of this water and wine we may be made partakers of his divinity, who vouchsafed to become partaker of our humanity, Jesus Christ our Lord, thy Son, who with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth God, for ever and ever. Amen.

We offer thee, O Lord, the chalice of salvation, beseeching thy clemency, that it may ascend before thy divine Majesty, as a most sweet odour, for our salvation, and for that of the whole world. Amen.

Accept us, O Lord, who come in the spirit of humility, and with a contrite and humble heart: and grant that the sacrifice which we offer this day in thy sight, may be pleasing to thee, O Lord God.

Come, O Almighty and Eternal God, the Sanctifier, and bless this sacrifice prepared for the glory of thy holy name.

AT THE LAVABO.

Psalm 25. 6.

I will wash my hands among the innocent: and go up to thy altar, O Lord. That I may hear the voice of praise: and publish all thy wonderful works, O Lord. I have loved the beauty of thy house: and the place where thy glory dwelleth. Destroy not my soul with the impious: nor my life with men of blood. In whose hands are iniquities: their right hand is filled with bribes. But I have walked in my innocency: rescue me, and have mercy on me. My feet have stood in the right path: in the assembly of the faithful I will bless thee, O Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be world without end. Amen.

Accept, O holy Trinity, this oblation which we make thee, in memory of the passion, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ: and in honour of the

ever blessed Virgin Mary, the blessed John Baptist, the holy apostles Peter and Paul, and of all the saints, that it may be available to their honour and to our salvation. And may they vouchsafe to intercede for us in heaven, whose memory we celebrate on earth: through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

P. Brethren, pray that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable in the sight of God the Father Almighty.

R. May the Lord receive the sacrifice from thy hands, to the praise and glory of his own name, and to our benefit, and that of all his holy Church.

THE PREFACE.

It is truly meet and just, right, and available to salvation, that we should always, and in all places give thanks to thee, O holy Lord, Father Almighty, eternal God; through Christ our Lord; by whom the angels praise thy Majesty; the Dominations adore it; the Powers

tremble before it; the Heavens, the heavenly Host, and blessed Seraphim, with common jubilee glorify it: together with whom we humbly beseech thee to admit our voices of praise, saying in the most suppliant manner, Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord God of Hosts. The heavens and the earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna to him who is on high. Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna to him that is on high. --

THE CANON OF THE MASS.

We therefore beseech thee, most merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, that thou wouldst vouchsafe to accept and bless these gifts and offerings, this holy and unspotted sacrifice, which in the first place we offer unto thee for thy holy Catholic Church, to which we beseech thee, that thou wouldst vouchsafe to grant peace; as also to preserve, unite, and govern it, throughout the world, together with thy servant N. our chief bishop, N. the bishop of this district, as also all orthodox be-

lievers and professors of the Catholic and Apostolic faith.

Be mindful, O Lord, of thy servants, men and women, [name them] and of all here present, whose faith and devotion are known unto thee: for whom we offer up to thee, his sacrifice of praise for themselves, and for all that belong to them; for the redemption of their own souls: for the safety and salvation they hope for; and who now pay their vows to thee, the eternal, living, and true God.

Being united in communion with the Saints, and honouring, in the first place, the memory of the glorious Mary ever a Virgin, the Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, as also of the blessed apostles and martyrs, Peter and Paul, Andrew, James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon, and Thaddeus, Linus, Cletus, Clement, Xystus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Laurence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas, and Damian, and of all thy Saints; by whose merits and prayers grant that we may on all occasions be defended by the help of thy protection:

through the same Christ our Lord.
Amen.

We therefore beseech thee, O Lord, graciously to accept this offering of our homage, as also of thy whole family: dispose our days in thy peace, preserve us from eternal damnation, and rank us in the number of thine elect: through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Which oblation do thou, O God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, in all respects to bless, approve, ratify, and accept: that it may be made for us the body and blood of thy most beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Who, the day before he suffered, took Bread into his sacred and venerable hands, and with his eyes lifted up towards heaven, to thee, Almighty God, his Father, giving thanks, he blessed it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, and eat ye all of this, FOR THIS IS MY BODY.

In like manner after he had supped, taking this most excellent Chalice into

his sacred and venerable hands, and giving thanks also unto thee, he blessed it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, and drink ye all of this, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, of the new and eternal Testament: the mystery of faith; which shall be shed for you, and for many, to the remission of sins.

Wherefore, we thy servants, O Lord, as also thy holy people, being mindful, as well of the blessed passion of the same Christ thy Son our Lord, as of his resurrection from the dead, and his glorious ascension into heaven, offer unto thy most excellent Majesty, of thy gifts bestowed upon us, a pure Host, a holy Host, an immaculate Host; the holy Bread of eternal life, and Chalice of everlasting salvation.

Upon which vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to look with a propitious and pleasing countenance, and to accept them, as thou

wert pleased graciously to accept the gifts of thy just servant Abel and that which thy high priest Melchisedec offered unto thee, a holy sacrifice, and spotless victim.

We most humbly beseech thee, O Almighty God, that thou wouldst command these offerings to be carried by the hands of thy holy angel unto thine altar on high, in the sight of thy divine Majesty: that as many as shall partake of the sacred Body and Blood of thy Son, may be filled with every heavenly grace and blessing: through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Be mindful, O Lord, of thy servants, men and women, who are gone before us with the sign of faith, and rest in the sleep of peace

To these, O Lord, and to all who sleep in Christ, grant, we beseech thee, a place of refreshment, light, and peace: through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Also to us sinners, thy servants, confiding in the multitude of thy mercies, vouchsafe to grant some part and fellowship with thy holy apostles and martyrs, with John, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas,

Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter, Felicitas, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecily, Anastasia, and all thy saints; into whose company we beseech thee to admit us, not in consideration of any merit of our own, but of thine own gracious mercy and pardon: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

By whom, O Lord, thou dost always create, sanctify, quicken, bless, and give us all those good gifts. By him, with him, and in him is to thee, O God the Father Almighty, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory. For ever and ever. Amen.

Let us pray:

Instructed in thy saving precepts, and following thy divine directions, we presume to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; and

lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Deliver us, we beseech thee, O Lord, from all evils, past, present, and to come. And by the intercession of the blessed and ever glorious Virgin Mary, Mother of God, of the holy apostles, Peter and Paul, of Andrew, and of all the Saints, mercifully grant peace in our days, that through the assistance of thy mercy, we may be always free from sin, and secure from all disturbance. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with thee God, in unity with the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

P. May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

May this mixture together, and consecration of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus, be to us that receive it effectual to eternal life. Amen.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, give us peace.

PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION.

Lord Jesus Christ, who saidst to thy Apostles, „I leave you peace, I give you my peace,“ regard not my sins, but the faith of thy Church; and vouchsafe to grant her that peace and unity which is agreeable to thy will; who livest and reignest for ever. Amen.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who according to the will of thy Father, with the co-operation of the Holy Ghost, hast by thy death given life to the world, deliver me by this thy most sacred Body and Blood, from all my iniquities, and from all evils; make me always adhere to thy commandments, and never suffer me to be separated from thee: who livest and reignest with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

Let not the participation of thy Body, O Lord Jesus Christ, wick I tough unworthy presume to receive, turn to my judgment and condemnation: but through thy mercy, may it be a safeguard and remedy, both of soul and body; who with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest God for ever and ever. Amen.

THE COMMUNION.

I will take the Bread of heaven, and call upon the name of the Lord.

* Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst enter under my roof; say but the word, and my soul shall be healed.

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May the body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul to life everlasting. Amen.

What return shall I make the Lord for all he has given to me? I will take the chalice of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord. Praising I will call upon the Lord, and shall be saved from my enemies.

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul to everlasting life. Amen.

Grant, Lord, that what we have taken with our mouth, we may receive with a pure mind, that of a temporal gift, it may become to us an eternal remedy.

May thy body, O Lord, which I have received, and thy blood which I have drank, cleave to my bowels; and grant that no stain of sin may remain in me, who have been fed with thy pure and holy sacrament. Who livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen.

AFTER COMMUNION.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

P. Go, you are dismissed.

R. Amen.

Let the performance of my homage be pleasing to thee, O holy Trinity: and grant, that the sacrifice which I, though unworthy, have offered up in the sight of thy Majesty, may be acceptable to thee, and through thy mercy be a propitiation for me, and those for whom it has been offered. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING.

May Almighty God, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, bless you. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

P. The beginning of the Gospel according to St. John.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN.



In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God: the same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was made nothing that

was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men: and the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came for a witness to bear testimony of the light, that all men might believe through him. He was not the light, but was to bear witness of the light. That was the true light, which enlighteneth every man that comes into this world.

He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them he gave power to be made the sons of God, to them that believe in his name; who are born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt amongst us. And we saw his glory, the glory as of the only begotten Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.

R. Thanks be to God.

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE.

A PRAYER TO IMPLORE THE DIVINE ASSISTANCE.

O almighty and most merciful God, who hast made me out of nothing, and redeemed me by the precious blood of thine only Son; who hast, with so much patience, borne with me to this day, notwithstanding all my sins and ingratitude: behold, O most gracious Lord, I now sincerely desire to leave all my evil ways, to forsake the region of death, where I have so long lost myself, and to return to thee, the Fountain of life. But, O my God, though I can go astray from thee of myself, yet I cannot make

one step towards returning to thee, unless thy divine grace stir me up and assist me. This grace, then, I most humbly implore, prostrate in spirit before the throne of thy mercy; I beg it for the sake of Jesus Christ, thy Son, who died upon the cross for my sins. I know thou desirest not the death of a sinner, but that he be converted and live: I know thy mercies are above all thy works; and I most confidently hope, that as in thy mercy thou hast spared me so long, and hast now given me this desire of returning to thee, so thou wilt finish the work which thou hast begun, and bring me to a perfect reconciliation with thee.

Oh, remove then, O my God, every veil that hides any of my sins from me, that I may see them all in their true colours, and may sincerely detest them. But what will it avail me to know my sins, if thou dost not also give me a hearty sorrow and repentance for them? without this my sins will be all upon me still, and I shall be still thine enemy

and a child of hell. Give me then, O Lord, a lively faith, and a firm hope, in the passion of my Redeemer; teach me to detest my evil ways, and to abhor all my past ingrattitudes. Give me a full and firm resolution of a new life for the future, and unite me to thee with an eternal band of love. Grant me also the grace to make an entire and sincere confession of all my sins. Let no self-love deceive me, as I fear it has done too often. Grant that this confession at least may be good, and for the sake of Jesus Christ thy Son, who died for me, assist me in every part of my preparation for it, that I may go through it with the same care and diligence, as I should be glad to do at the hour of my death; that so being perfectly reconciled to thee, I may never offend thee more. O blessed Virgin, refuge of penitent sinners, intercede for me through the passion of thy Son, that I may have the grace to make a good confession.

A METHOD
OF EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE,
according to the threefold duty we owe:

- I. to God,
- II. to our neighbour,
- III. to ourselves.

I. In relation to God.

Have you omitted morning or evening prayers, or neglected to make your daily examination of conscience?

Have you prayed negligently, and with wilful distractions?

Have you spent your time, especially on Sundays and holydays, not in sluggishly lying in bed, or in any sort of idle entertainment, but in reading, praying or any other pious exercises; and taken care that those under your charge have done the like, and not wanted the instructions necessary for their condition, nor time for prayer, or to prepare for the sacraments?

Have you spoken irreverently of God and holy things? Have you taken his name in vain, or told untruths? Have you omitted your duty through human respect, interest, compliance, &c.?

Have you been zealous for God's honour, for justice, virtue, and truth, and reproved such as act otherwise?

Have you resigned your will to God in troubles, necessities, sickness &c.?

Have you faithfully resisted thoughts of infidelity, distrust, presumption, impurity &c.?

II. In relation to your neighbour.

Have you disobeyed your superiors, murmured against their commands, or spoken of them contemptuously?

Have you been troubled, peevish, or impatient when told of your faults, and corrected by them? Have you scorned their good advice, or censured their proceedings?

Have you offended any one by injurious or threatening words or actions?

Or lessened their reputation by any sort of detraction, or in any matter of importance?

Or spread any report, true or false, that exposed your neighbour to contempt, or made him be undervalued?

Have you, by carrying stories backward and forward, created discord and misunderstanding between neighbours?

Have you been froward or peevish towards any one, in your carriage, speech, or conversation?

Or taken pleasure to vex, mortify, or provoke them to swear, curse, or any ways offend God?

Have you mocked or reproached them for their corporal or spiritual imperfections?

Have you been excessive in reprehending those under your care; or been wanting in giving them just reproof?

Have you borne with their oversights and imperfections, and given them good counsels?

Have you been solicitous for such as are under your charge, and provided for their souls and bodies?

Have you according to your power given alms, or contributed towards the relief of the poor? have you endeavoured to promote their spiritual welfare especially by the education of the children in your congregation?

III. In relation to yourself.

Have you been obstinate in following your own will, or in defending your own opinion, in things either indifferent, dangerous, or scandalous?

Have you taken pleasure in hearing yourself praised, or yielded to thoughts of vanity?

Have you indulged yourself in over-much ease, or in any way yielding to sensuality?

Has your conversation been edifying and moderate, or have you been froward, proud, or troublesome to others?

Have you spent over-much time in play, or useless employments, and thereby omitted, or put off your devotions, to unseasonable times?

[And then make an examination of conscience on the ten commandments, the commandments of the Church and the capital sins.]

A PRAYER FOR OBTAINING CONTRITION.

I have now here before me, O Lord, a sad prospect of the manifold offences, by which I have displeased thy divine Majesty, and which I am assured will appear in judgment against me, if I repent not, and my soul be not disposed, by a hearty sorrow, to receive thy pardon. But this sorrow, O Lord, this repentance, must be thy free gift, and if it comes not from the hand of thy mercy, all my endeavours will be in vain, and I shall be for ever miserable. Have mercy therefore on me, O Father of mercies, and pour forth into my heart thy grace, whereby I may sincerely repent of all my sins; give me a true contrition, that I may bewail my past misery and ingratitude, and grieve from my heart for having offended thee so good a God. Permit me not to be deluded with a false sorrow, as I fear I have been too often, through my own weakness and neglect; but let it be now thy gift, descending from thee, the Father of lights, that so

my repentance may be accompanied with amendment and change of life, and I may be fully acquitted from the guilt of all my sins, and once more received into the number of thy servants. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

AFFECTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Lord, thou hast said there is joy in heaven upon one sinner doing penance, more than upon ninety-nine just: Oh! give me now grace to be a true penitent indeed, that so heaven may rejoice at my conversion.

Thou camest, O my dear Redeemer, not to call the just, but sinners to repentance; look down upon me, a poor miserable sinner, and draw me powerfully to thee by thy grace.

I know thou wilt not the death of a sinner, but that he be converted and live: Oh! let me no longer remain dead in my sins! Oh, let me now at least begin to live to thee!

Create a clean heart in me, O God; and renew a right spirit within my

bowels. Oh! grant that I may now serve thee in good earnest! Oh! let this be the change of the right hand of the most High!

Thou hast made me, O my God, and redeemed me by thy precious blood. Oh! despise not the work of thy hands! Oh! let not thy blood be spilt for me in vain!

O divine Lover of penitent souls, give me henceforth a contrite and humble heart! I desire from this hour to offer this sacrifice daily to thee, till the end of my life!

Thy mercy hath been infinite in bearing so long with such an ungrateful sinner as I have been, and in daily heaping thy favours upon me. Add this one favour, O Lord, to all the rest, that henceforward, by thy grace, I may never offend thee more. This one thing I earnestly beg of thee, for thine infinite mercy's sake, and through the death and passion of thine only Son. Hear this one prayer, I beseech thee, and in all things else do with me what thou pleasest. O my beloved Redeemer, let nothing in life or death ever separate me from thee any more.

I am resolved, by thy grace, never more to return to my sins: Oh! rather let me die than offend thee wilfully any more. I am resolved to fly all evil company and dangerous occasions; and to take proper measures for a thorough amendment of my life for the future. All this I resolve; but thou knowest my frailty, O my God; and if thou assist me not by thy grace, all my resolutions will prove ineffectual, and I shall be for ever miserable: Oh! look to me, O Lord, that I may never betray thee any more!

PRAYER BEFORE CONFESSION.

To thee, O merciful Jesus, in the bitterness of my soul I come, beseeching thee to have compassion on me, and deliver me from my sins: despise not, O God, the cries of thy lost sheep: reject not the sighs of thy prodigal child, who desires to return home to thee, and to be received again into the number of thy servants. I am sorry for all the sins I have committed, and detest them here in thy presence: because I love thee

above all things and honour thee as my gracious God, worthy of infinite love. And for this reason I now firmly purpose to suffer all evils, nay, even death itself, rather than willingly consent to sin. I resolve to make an exact confession of all my offences, faithfully to discharge whatever shall be enjoined for my punishment or amendment, and carefully to avoid all occasions of sin. And if anything be wanting of true contrition to this my sorrow, may thy sacred passion, O blessed Jesus, thy precious blood and infinite merits, supply all the defects of my weakness: for it is in thy death I place all my trust: through thee I firmly hope to obtain pardon of all my sins, grace to overcome my vicious customs, and perseverance to the end in the good resolutions I have now made in thy presence. May the fire of divine love now inflame my soul, and consume therein whatever is displeasing to thy infinite goodness. Sanctify my heart, purify my affections and desires, that, dying to myself, I may ever live to thee, and at

length depart this life in thy grace and favour. Amen.

O merciful God, as, at the words of thy angel, the chains fell from the feet of St. Peter, and he was immediately restored to liberty, so grant, that by the words of this holy Sacrament, pronounced by the priest, the chains of my sins may be loosed, and all my offences pardoned. Amen.

O God, be merciful to me a sinner. Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me. Thou, who sufferedst for me, have mercy on me!

PRAYER AFTER CONFESSION.

O God of mercy! having now, through thy gracious goodness, disburdened my conscience of the guilt wherewith it was oppressed, and discovered all the sins I could recollect to thy minister; I most humbly beseech thee to accept this confession, and forgive me all my trespasses, as well those I have forgot as those I have remembered. Grant me grace, O Lord, to live more carefully hereafter, and to

abstain from my former vices, which I utterly detest, firmly purposing never to be guilty of them any more. But especially, O most merciful Saviour, enable me to withstand those temptations with which I am most infested, and to avoid all occasions of offending thee for the future. If the just man fall seven times in the day, how much more reason have I to be jealous of myself, O Lord, and to fear that I shall not be steadfast in my resolutions, having, through my own frailty and vicious customs, increased the natural blindness and weakness in which I was born. Yet, O Lord, I firmly purpose, through thy merciful assistance, never to consent to any mortal sin, from which I humbly beseech thee to preserve me whilst I live: and, as to my venial sins and imperfections, I resolve to strive against them, and hope, through thy goodness, at length to amend them. Amen.

ANOTHER PRAYER AFTER CONFESSION.

O meek and merciful Lord, look down on me with an eye of pity, and have

compassion on my miseries ! Strike this hard and obdurate heart of mine, that it may burst forth into a fountain of healing waters, — the waters of sincere contrition, wherewith my soul may be cleansed and purified. Perfect the work thou hast begun in me, for I am thy creature, and grant that the confession I have made may be acceptable in thy sight, and that whatever is wanting towards its perfection through my weakness, may be supplied by thy infinite goodness and mercy. Thy mercy therefore I implore, and through it I beg pardon of all my sins; firmly purposing in thy presence to avoid every thing that may be displeasing to thee, and to apply myself with all diligence to the practice of virtue. I hope thou wilt not refuse me thy assistance, since thou, O Lord, hast promised never to forsake those that trust in thee. Permit my heart to be no longer hurried away by the follies of this life, nor to experience my own weakness in my wonted relapses. It is high time I should be converted from my evil ways; forsake my errors,

and amend my failings; since hitherto, alas! so many days and years have elapsed in good purposes, but with very little improvement of my soul. Command, therefore, O sovereign Lord, my rebellious heart, and force it to a compliance with thy law. Break all my passions, rule my affections, direct my desires, strengthen my good endeavours, and give ear now to thy unworthy servant. Let not my wickedness make thee forget thy goodness; for though my sins cry aloud for justice, yet thou still hast mercy, whereby thou canst save, and once more receive me into thy favour, my God, my Lord, and all my hope, who livest and reignest for ever and ever.

O almighty and most merciful God, who according to the multitude of thy tender mercies hast vouchsafed once more to receive this prodigal child, after so many times going astray from thee, and to admit him into this sacrament of reconciliation, I give thee thanks with all the powers of my soul, for this and all other mercies, graces, and blessings bestowed on me, the most unworthy of

all sinners; and prostrating myself at thy sacred feet, I offer myself now to be henceforth for ever thine. Oh! let nothing in life or death separate me from thee, and give me grace to be now and always a true penitent, through the same Jesus Christ thy Son. Amen.

THE SEVEN PENITENTIAL PSALMS.

Antem. — Remember not, O Lord, our offences, nor those of our parents, neither take thou vengeance of our sins.

Psalm VI. Domine ne in furore.

O Lord, rebuke me not in thine indignation, nor chastise me in thy wrath.

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am weak: heal me, O Lord, for my bones are troubled.

And my soul is troubled exceedingly; but thou, O Lord; how long?

Turn to me, O Lord, and deliver my soul: O save me for thy mercy's sake.

For there is no one in death that is

mindful of thee: and who shall confess to thee in hell?

I have laboured in my groanings; every night I will wash my bed, I will water my couch with my tears.

Mine eye is troubled through indignation; I have grown old: amongst all mine enemies.

Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity; for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.

The Lord hath heard my supplication: the Lord hath received my prayer.

Let all mine enemies be ashamed, and be very much troubled: let them be turned back and be ashamed very speedily.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Psalm XXXI. Beati quorum.

Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

Blessed is the man, to whom the Lord hath not imputed sin, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

Because I was silent, my bones grew old: whilst I cried out all the day long.

For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: I am turned in mine anguish, whilst the thorn is fastened.

I have acknowledged my sins to thee: and mine injustice I have not concealed.

I said, I will confess against myself, mine injustice to the Lord: and thou hast forgiven the wickedness of my sin.

For this shall every one that is holy pray to thee, in a seasonable time.

And yet in a flood of many waters, they shall not come nigh unto him.

Thou art my refuge from the trouble which hath encompassed me; my joy, deliver me from them that surround me.

I will give thee understanding, and I will instruct thee in the way in which thou shalt not go: I will fixe mine eyes upon thee.

Do not become like the horse and the mule, which have no understanding.

With bit and bridle bind fast their jaws, who come not near unto thee.

Many are the scourges of the sinner, but mercy shall encompass him that hopeth in the Lord.

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye just; and glory, all ye right of heart.

Glory be &c.

Psalm XXXVII.

Domine ne in furore.

Rebuke me not, O Lord, in thine indignation: nor chastise me in thy wrath.

For thine arrows are fastened in me, and thy hand hath been strong upon me.

There is no health in my flesh, because of thy wrath: there is no peace for my bones, because of my sins.

For mine iniquities are gone over my head: and as a heavy burden, are become heavy upon me.

My sores are putrified and corrupted, because of my foolishness.

I am become miserable, and am bowed down even to the end: I walked sorrowful all the day long.

For my loins are filled with illusions: and there is no health in my flesh.

I am afflicted and humbled exceedingly: I roared with the groaning of my heart.

Lord, all my desire is before thee: and my groaning is not hidden from thee.

My heart is troubled, my strength hath left me: and the light of mine eyes itself is noth with me.

My friends and my neighbours have drawn near, and stood against me.

And they that were near me stood afar off: and they that sought my soul, used violence. And they that sought evils to me, spoke vain things: and studied deceits all the day long.

But I, as a deaf man, heard not: and was as a dumb man, not opening his mouth.

And I became as a man that heareth not: and that hath no reproofs in his mouth.

For in thee, O Lord, have I hoped:
thou wilt hear me, O Lord my God.

For I said, lest at any time mine enemies
rejoice over me: and whilst my feet
are moved, they speak great things a-
gainst me.

For I am ready for scourges: and my
sorrow is continually before me.

For I will declare mine iniquity: and
I will think for my sin.

But mine enemies live and are stron-
ger than I: and they that hate me
wrongfully are multiplied.

They that render evil for good, have
detracted me, because I followed good-
ness.

Forsake me not, O Lord my God: do
not thou depart from me.

Attend unto my help, O Lord, the
God of my salvation.

Glory be &c.

Psalm L. Miserere.

Have mercy on me, O God, according
to thy great mercy.

: And according to the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out mine iniquity.

- Wash me yet more from mine iniquity: and cleanse me from my sin.

- For I know mine iniquity, and my sin is always before me.

ym To thee only have I sinned, and have done evil before thee; that thou mayest be justified in thy words, and mayest overcome when thou art judged.

- For behold I was conceived in iniquities: and in sins did my mother conceive me.

For behold thou hast loved truth: the uncertain and hidden things of thy wisdom thou hast made manifest to me.

Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed: thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.

ed To my hearing thou shalt give joy and gladness: and the bones that have been humbled shall rejoice.

Turn away thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

Create a clean heart in me, O God: and renew a right spirit within my bowels.

Cast me not away from thy face: and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and strengthen me with a perfect spirit.

I will teach the unjust thy ways: and the wicked shall be converted to thee.

Deliver me from blood, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall extol thy justice.

O Lord, thou wilt open my lips: and my mouth shall declare thy praise.

For if thou hadst desired sacrifice, I would indeed have given it; with burnt offerings thou wilt not be delighted.

A sacrifice to God is an afflicted spirit: a contrite and humbled heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

Deal favourably, O Lord, in thy good will with Sion: that the walls of Jerusalem may be built up.

Then shalt thou accept the sacrifice of justice, oblations, and whole burnt-offerings; then shall they lay calves upon thine altar.

Glory be &c.

Psalm CL. Domine exaudi.

Hear, O Lord, my prayer, and let my cry come to thee.

Turn not away thy face from me; in the day when I am in trouble, incline thine ear to me.

In what day soever I shall call upon thee, hear me speedily.

For my days are vanished like smoke: and my bones are grown dry like fuel for the fire.

I am smitten as grass, and my heart is withered: because I forgot to eat my bread.

Through the voice of my groaning, my bone hath cleaved to my flesh.

I am become like to a pelican of the wilderness: I am like a night-raven in the house.

I have watched, and am become as a sparrow all alone on the house top.

All the day long my enemies reproached me: and they that praised me did swear against me.

For I did eat ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping.

Because of thine anger and indignation: for having lifted me up thou hast thrown me down.

My days have declined like a shadow: and I am withered like grass.

But thou, O Lord, endurest for ever: and thy memorial to all generations.

Thou shalt arise and have mercy on Sion: for it is time to have mercy on it, for the time is come.

For the stones thereof have pleased thy servants, and they shall have pity on the earth thereof.

And the Gentiles shall fear thy name, O Lord: and all the kings of the earth thy glory.

For the Lord hath built up Sion: and he shall be seen in his glory,

He hath had regard to the prayer of the humble; and he hath not despised their petition.

Let these things be written unto another generation: and the people that shall be created shall praise the Lord.

Because he hath looked forth from his high sanctuary: from heaven the Lord hath looked upon the earth.

That he might hear the groans of them that are in fetters; that he might release the children of the slain.

That they may declare the name of the Lord in Sion, and his praise in Jerusalem.

When the people assemble together, and kings, to serve the Lord.

He answered him in the way of his strength; declare unto me the fewness of my days.

Call me not away in the midst of my days: thy years are unto generation and generation.

In the beginning, O Lord, thou foundest the earth: and the heavens are the works of thy hands.

They shall perish, but thou remainest; and all of them shall grow old like a garment.

And as a vesture, thou shalt change them, and they shall be changed; but

thou art always the self same, and thy years shall not fail.

The children of thy servants shall continue; and their seed shall be directed for ever.

Glory be &c.

Psalm CXXIX. De profundis.

Out of the depths I have cried to thee, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice.

Let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

If thou, O Lord, wilt mark iniquities, Lord, who shall stand it?

For with thee there is merciful forgiveness: and by reason of thy law I have waited for thee, O Lord.

My soul hath relied on his word: my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

From the morning watch even until night, let Israel hope in the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy, and with him plentiful redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Glory be &c.

Psalm CXLII. Domine exaudi.

Hear, O Lord, my prayer; give ear to my supplication in thy truth: hear me in thy justice.

And enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight no man living shall be justified.

For the enemy hath persecuted my soul, he hath brought down my life to the earth.

He hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been dead of old; and my spirit is in anguish within me, and my heart within me is troubled.

I remembered the days of old, I meditated on all thy works: I mused upon the works of thy hands.

I stretched forth my hands to thee: my soul is as earth without water unto thee.

Heare me speedily, O Lord; my spirit hath fainted away.

Turn not away thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

Cause me to hear thy mercy in the morning, for in thee have I hoped.

Make the way known to me wherein I should walk; for I have lifted up my soul to thee.

Deliver me from mine enemies, O Lord; to thee have I fled; teach me to do thy will, for thou art my God.

Thy good spirit shall lead me into the right land; for thy name's sake, O Lord, thou wilt quicken me in thy justice.

Thou wilt bring my soul out of trouble: and in thy mercy thou wilt destroy mine enemies.

And thou wilt cut off all them that afflict my soul; for I am thy servant. Glory be & c.

Anthem. Remember not, O Lord, our offences, nor those of our parents; neither take thou vengeance of our sins.

THE LITANY OF ALL SAINTS.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God, the Father of heaven,

God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,

God, the Holy Ghost,

Holy Trinity, one God,

Holy Mary,

Holy Mother of God,

Holy Virgin of Virgins,

St. Michael,

St. Gabriel,

St. Raphael,

All ye holy angels and archangels,

All ye holy orders of blessed spirits,

St. John Baptist,

St. Joseph,

All ye holy patriarchs and prophets,

St. Peter,

St. Paul,

St. Andrew,

Have mercy
on us.

Pray for us.

St. James,	St. Augustine,	} Pray for us.
St. John,	St. Jerome,	
St. Thomas,	St. Martin,	
St. James,	St. Nicholas,	
St. Philip,	All ye holy bishops and confes-	
St. Bartholomew,	All ye holy doctors,	
St. Matthew,	St. Anthony,	
St. Simon,	St. Benedict,	
St. Thaddeus,	St. Bernard,	
St. Matthias,	St. Dominic,	
St. Barnabas,	St. Francis,	
St. Luke,	All ye holy priests and levites,	
St. Mark,	All ye holy monks and hermits,	
All ye holy apostles and evangelists,		
All ye holy disciples of our Lord,		
All ye holy innocents,	St. Lucy,	
St. Stephen,	St. Agnes,	
St. Laurence,	St. Cecily,	
St. Vincent,	St. Catherine,	
SS. Fabian and Sebastian,	St. Anastasia,	
SS. John and Paul,	All ye holy virgins and maidens,	
SS. Cosmas and Damian,	All ye saints of God,	
SS. Gervase and Protase,		
All ye holy martyrs,		
St. Silvester,	Be merciful to us,	
St. Gregory,	Be merciful to us,	
St. Ambrose,		

St. Augustin,
St. Jerom,
St. Martin,
St. Nicholas,
All ye holy bishops and confessors,
All ye holy doctors,
St. Anthony,
St. Benedict,
St. Bernard,
St. Dominic,
St. Francis,
All ye holy priests and levites,
All ye holy monks and hermits,
St. Mary Magdalen,
St. Agatha,
St. Lucy,
St. Agnes,
St. Cecily,
St. Catharine,
St. Anastasia,
All ye holy virgins and widows,
All ye, saints of God,
make intercession for us.

Be merciful to us, Spare us, O Lord.
Be merciful to us, Graciously hear us,
O Lord.

Pray for us.

From all evil,
From all sin,
From thy wrath,
From sudden and unprovided death,
From the deceits of the devil,
From anger, hatred, and all ill-
will,
From the spirit of fornication,
From lightning and tempest,
From everlasting death,
Through the mystery of thy holy
incarnation,
Through thy coming,
Through thy nativity,
Through thy baptism and holy fasting,
Through thy cross and passion,
Through thy death and burial,
Through thy holy resurrection,
Through thine admirable ascension,
Through the coming of the Holy Ghost,
the Comforter,
In the day of judgment,
We sinners, do beseech thee hear us.
That thou spare us,
That thou pardon us,
That thou vouchsafe to govern and
preserve thy holy Church.

O Lord, deliver us.

We beseech
thee, hear
us.

That thou vouchsafe to preserve our
apostolic prelate, and all eccle-
siastical orders in holy religion,
That thou vouchsafe to humble the
enemies of thy holy Church,
That thou vouchsafe to give peace
and true concord to christian kings
and princes,
That thou vouchsafe to give peace
and unity to all christian people,
That thou vouchsafe to confirm and
preserve us in thy holy service,
That thou lift up our minds to
heavenly desires,
That thou render eternal good things
to all our benefactors,
That thou deliver our souls, and
those of our brethren, relation
and benefactors, from eternal dam-
nation,
That thou vouchsafe to give and
preserve the fruits of the earth,
That thou vouchsafe to give eternal
rest to all the faithful departed,
That thou vouchsafe graciously to
hear us,
Son of God,

We beseech thee, hear us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world: Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world: Graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Our Father &c.

V. And lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Psalm LXIX.

O God, come to my assistance: O Lord, make hast to help me.

Let them be confounded and ashamed that seek my soul.

Let them be turned backward, and blush for shame, that desire evils to me.

Let them be presently turned away,
blushing for shame, that say to me, 'Tis
well, 'tis well.

Let all that seek thee rejoice, and be
glad in thee: and let such as love thy
salvation say always, The Lord be
magnified.

But I am needy and poor: O God
help me.

Thou art my helper and my deliverer:
O Lord, make no long delay.

Glory be & c.

V. Save thy servants.

R. Trusting in thee, O my God.

V. Be unto us, O Lord, a tower of
strength.

R. Against the face of the enemy.

V. Let not the enemy have advan-
tage over us.

R. Nor the son of iniquity have power
to hurt us.

V. O Lord, deal not with us according
to our sins.

R. Nor reward us according to our
iniquities.

V. Let us pray for our chief bishop N.

R. The Lord preserve him, and give him life, and make him blessed upon the earth, and deliver him not to the will of his enemies.

V. Let us pray for our benefactors.

R. Vouchsafe, O Lord, for thy name's sake, to reward with eternal life all them that have done us good.

V. Let us pray for the faithful departed.

R. Eternal rest give to them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them.

V. May they rest in peace.

R. Amen.

V. For our absent brethren.

R. O my God, save thy servants trusting in thee.

V. Send them help, O Lord, from thy sanctuary.

R. And defend them out of Sion.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come to thee.

Let us pray.

O God, whose property is always to have mercy, and to spare, receive our

petition: that we and all thy servants, who are bound by the chain of sin, may, by the compassion of thy goodness, mercifully be absolved.

Hear, we beseech thee, O Lord, the prayers of thy suppliants, and pardon the sins of them that confess to thee; that, in thy bounty, thou mayest give us pardon and peace.

Out of thy clemency, O Lord, show thine unspeakable mercy to us, that so thou mayest both acquit us for our sins, and deliver us from the punishments which we deserve for them.

O God, who by sin art offended, and by penance pacified, mercifully regard the prayers of thy people making supplication to thee, and turn away the scourges of thine anger, which we deserve for our sins.

O almighty and eternal God, have mercy on thy servant N, our chief bishop, and direct him according to thy clemency in the way of everlasting salvation; that by thy grace he may desire those things

that are agreeable to thee, and perform them with all his strength.

O God, from whom are all holy desires, right counsels, and just works, give to thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be disposed to keep thy commandments, and the fear of enemies being removed, the times, by thy protection, may be peaceable.

Inflame, O Lord, our reins and hearts with the fire of thy Holy Spirit, that we may serve thee with a chaste body, and please thee with a clean heart.

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, give to the souls of thy servants departed the remission of all their sins; that through the help of pious supplications, they may obtain the pardon, which they have always been desirous of.

Prevent, we beseech thee, O Lord, our actions by thy holy inspirations, and carry them on by thy gracious assistance; that every prayer and work of ours may begin always from thee, and by thee be happily ended.

O almighty and eternal God, who hast dominion over the living and the dead, and art merciful to all, whom thou foreknowest shall be thine by faith and good works: we humbly beseech thee, that they, for whom we have determined to offer up our prayers, whether this present world still retains them in the flesh, or the world to come hath already received them out of their bodies, may, by the intercession of thy saints, and the clemency of thy goodness, obtain pardon and full remission of all their sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ thy Son, who with thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, God, world without end. Amen.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come to thee.

V. May the almighty and merciful God graciously hear us.

R. Amen.

V. And may the souls of the faithful through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

PRAYER OF POPE URBAN.

Before thy countenance, O Lord, we present ourselves as sinners, balancing our offences against the punishment, which we suffer.

When we consider the evil, which we have done, we recognise that our afflictions are small in comparison with our deserts. Grievous is our guilt, lenient the reparation, which is exacted.

But ah, — while we still smart under the rod of thy vengeance, we obstinately persevere in our sins: our malice does not abate. Though we are sick at heart and tormented by the stripes of remorse: our stubborn necks will not bend to the yoke. Life vanishes in the midst of pain, and yet our works do not improve.

Thy longanimity does not move us to repentance: nor do we submit when thy patience gives place to anger.

While affliction urges, we confess that we have provoked thee: after the visitation we hasten to forget our purposes. Thy hand is stretched out, and we promise

to do good; the sword is sheathed again, and we return to our evil courses. While thou art striking, we cry for mercy; when thou art merciful, we provoke thee to strike again.

Behold, O Lord, we confess, that we are guilty and that, unless thou pardonest, we must perish for ever.

O Father Almighty, who hast made us out of nothing, grant, that as we have no merits of our own, our petitions may be accepted through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE HOLY EUCCHARIST.

A MEDITATION BEFORE COMMUNION.

I. Consider, first, that Jesus Christ our Lord, whom we receive in this blessed sacrament, is called in scripture, „the Lamb which was slain from the beginning of the world“. [Apoc. XIII. 8.]

Because from the very beginning of the world, there was no way of coming at God's mercy or grace, but by faith in a Redeemer to come, and by the merits of his future death and passion.

II. Consider, secondly, the figures by which God was pleased in the Old Testament to foreshow this sacrament; especially these three: the Tree of Life, the Paschal Lamb, and the Manna from heaven.

III. Consider, thirdly, the mysteries which we celebrate in this thrice blessed sacrament and sacrifice.

Here the whole passion and death of Christ are solemnly acted; here the Lamb of God presents himself as slain to his eternal Father; here the death of our Lord, the fountain of all good, plentifully flows into our souls; here we receive an assurance of the share that we have in Christ, and in his redemption. Here we partake of his Body and of his Spirit; here all the members of Christ are happily united with one another, and with their head, in a sacrament of love.

Here, in fine, we have a most certain pledge of everlasting life.

IV. Consider, fourthly, that what most especially calls for our devotion in these most holy mysteries, is the real presence of Jesus Christ himself, true God and true Man, under the sacramental veils.

V. Consider, fifthly, how many ways thy Lord and thy God communicates himself to thee. In his incarnation and birth . . . in his death . . . in this heavenly sacrament . . . in his kingdom above . . .

VI. Consider, sixthly, who it is that thou art to receive in this blessed sacrament, and who thou art that presumest to approach him. He is the great King of heaven and earth! He is eternal, immense, and infinite in power and glory; he is infinitely pure and holy. What a little atom art thou compared to him! Thou art made of earth, full of miseries, a little diminutive worm.

VII. Consider, seventhly, the happy fruits which this divine sacrament produces in

those souls which frequent it with due preparation. „He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath everlasting life, and I will raise him up in the last day“; and: „He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood, abideth in me and I in him“; and: „He that eateth this bread shall live for ever“.

A PREPARATORY PRAYER.

O Lord, Jesus Christ, King of everlasting glory! behold, I desire to come to thee this day, and to receive thy body and blood in this heavenly sacrament, for thy honour and glory, and the good of my soul. I desire to receive thee, because it is thy desire, and thou hast so ordained; blessed be thy name for ever. I desire to come to thee like Magdalen, that I may be delivered from all my evils, and embrace thee, my only good. I desire to come to thee, that I may be happily united to thee, that I may henceforth abide in thee, and thou in me, and that nothing in life or death may ever separate me from thee. I desire in these

holy mysteries, to commemorate, as thou hast commanded, all thy sufferings, thine agony and bloody sweat; thy being betrayed and apprehended; all the reproaches and calumnies, all the blows and buffets, which thou hast endured for me; thy being scourged, crowned with thorns, and loaded with a heavy cross for my sins and those of the whole world; thy crucifixion and death, together with thy glorious resurrection and triumphant ascension. I adore thee, and give thee thanks for all that thou hast done and suffered for us; and for giving us in this blessed sacrament this pledge of our redemption, this victim of our ransom, this body and blood which were offered for us.

AN ACT OF FAITH.

I most firmly believe, that in this holy sacrament thou art present verily and indeed; that here are thy body and blood, thy soul and thy divinity.

I believe that thou, my Saviour, true God and true Man, art really here, with

all thy treasures ; that here thou communicatest thyself to us, makest us partakers of the fruit of thy passion, and givest us a pledge of eternal life. I believe that there cannot be a greater happiness than to receive thee worthily, nor a greater misery than to receive thee unworthily. All this I most steadfastly believe, because it is what thou hast taught us by thy word, and by thy Church.

AN ACT OF HUMILITY AND CONTRITION.

But, O my God, how shall I dare approach to thee, so wretched a worm to so infinite a Majesty? so filthy a sinner to such infinite purity and sanctity? Alas! my soul is covered with a universal leprosy, and how shall I presume to embrace thee? My whole life hath been nothing but misery and sin, and it is only thy mercy that I have not been long since in hell, which I have deserved a thousand times; and how shall I venture so much as to lift up mine eyes to thee, how much less to receive thee within

my breast? I tremble at the sentence of thine apostle, that „He that receiveth unworthily, receiveth his own damnation“; for I cannot but acknowledge myself infinitely unworthy: nor should I dare ever to come to thee, were I not excited by the most loving and pressing invitation, and encouraged by thine infinite goodness and mercy. It is in this mercy, which is above all thy works, I put my whole trust; and it is in this confidence alone that I presume to approach to thee.

O Lord, I detest, with my whole heart, all the sins by which I have ever offended thy divine Majesty, from the first moment that I was capable of sinning to this very hour. I desire to lay them all down here by thy feet, to be cancelled by thy precious blood. What can I do for them, but humbly confess and lament them all my life; and this I heartily desire to do, and from this moment continually to cry out to thee for mercy. Hear me, O Lord, by that infinite love, by which thou hast shed thy blood for me. Oh! let not that blood be shed in vain! All my sins displease me now

exceedingly, because they have offended thine infinite goodness. By thy grace I will never commit them any more: I am sorry for them as long as I live, and, according to the best of my power, will do penance for them. Forgive me, dear Lord, for thy mercy's sake: pardon me all that is past; and be thou my keeper for the time to come, that I may never more offend thee.

AN ACT OF DESIRE AND LOVE.

As the wearied hart thirsts after the fountains of water, so doth my soul pant after thee my Saviour! my Lord! my Jesus! It ardently longs to drink of those fountains, which thy love hath opened for its comfort and relief. Tired, therefore, with my own evil ways, I now return hungry and thirsty, crying aloud have mercy on me, O Son of God, and permit me to taste of thy banquet, that my soul may be refreshed. O that I had the affections of the heavenly spirits, that my soul might truly languish after thee, the fountain of life, of wis-

dom, and of eternal light, the impetuous torrent of celestial happiness. O that my soul did truly hunger after thee, the bread of angels, the food of blessed souls, and that all that is within me might be delighted with the taste of thy sweetness. I here despise all human consolations, that I may be comforted by thee, my only good, my God and Saviour, whom I love above all things and desire to entertain within my breast, with as much devotion and affection as is conceived by thy chosen servants, who now sit at thy table of celestial bliss.

O sweet Jesus, the God of my heart, and the life of my soul! I am overjoyed at the hearing of these happy tidings, that I am to go into the house of our Lord; or rather that our Lord is to come into my house, and take up his abode with me. Oh! happy moments, when I shall be admitted to the embraces of the living God, for whom my poor soul languishes with love! Oh! come, dear Jesus, and take full possession of my heart for ever! I offer it to thee without reserve. I desire to consecrate

it eternally to thee. I love thee with my whole soul above all things; at least I desire so to love thee. It is nothing less than infinite love that bringeth thee to me. Oh! teach me to make a suitable return of love.

A PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING.

It is with fear and trembling, O Jesus, that I approach thy banquet having nothing to confide in but thy goodness and mercy, being of myself a sinner, destitute of all virtue. My soul and body are defiled with many crimes; my thoughts and tongue in disorder, and under no restraint. In this wretched condition I hasten to thee, most compassionate Physician, the fountain of all goodness, that I may be healed. I fly under the wings of thy paternal protection, hoping thou wilt be my Saviour, though I dare not appear before thee as my judge. To thee I expose all my wounds, to thee I discover all my shame. My sins, I confess, are so innumerable and enormous, as to make me despair, if thou

didst not encourage me to hope in thy mercies, which are infinite. Look, therefore, on me with the eyes of compassion, O Lord Jesus Christ, eternal King, God and Man, who wast crucified for the sins of men. Have mercy on me, thou inexhaustible fountain of goodness. Hail, saving victim, offered on the cross for me and all mankind. Hail, generous and precious blood, flowing from thy wounds, O Jesus! and washing away the sins of the world. Remember thy creature, O Lord, whom thou hast redeemed by thy death. I am truly sorry for my offences, which I am resolved to amend. Wash away, therefore, all my sins, and blot out my iniquities, that purified in soul and body, I may worthily approach the Holy of Holies, and grant that thy precious body and blood, which I now, though unworthy, am about to receive, may avail to a full discharge from the guilt of all my crimes, a victory over my evil thoughts, the beginning of a new life, the seed of good works, and a sure protection of soul and body against all the snares of my enemies. O my

God, thou knowest my great poverty and misery, and that of myself I can do nothing. Oh! since thou art so good as to invite me thus to thyself, add this one bounty more to all the rest, to prepare me for thyself. Cleanse my soul from its stains — clothe it with the nuptial garment of charity, adorn it with all virtues, and make it a fit abode for thee.

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest enter under my roof, but only say the word, and my soul shall be healed. May the body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul to everlasting life. Amen.

[After communion cast yourself down in spirit at the feet of your Lord, whom you have received; adore him, praise him, and give him thanks for coming to so unworthy a sinner, and invite all heaven and earth to join with you in praising and magnifying his holy name; secondly, make an offering of your heart and soul, and of your whole being to him, that you may henceforward love him, and serve him for ever; thirdly, present him your

petitions for all the graces that you stand in need of, and to make a good use of this favourable opportunity by praying heartily for yourself, your friends, and for the whole world.]

ASPIRATIONS AFTER COMMUNION.

Behold, O Lord, I have thee now, who hast all things; I possess thee, who possessest all things, and who canst do all things. Take off my heart then, O my God and my All, from all other things but thee, in all which there is nothing but vanity and affliction of spirit. Let my heart be fixed on thee alone, let me ever repose in thee, where alone my treasure is, the sovereign truth, true happiness, and happy eternity.

Let my soul, O Lord, feel the sweetness of thy presence. Let me taste how sweet thou art, O Lord; that being allured by thy love, I may never more hunt after worldly joys; for thou art the joy of my heart, and my portion for ever.

Thou art the physician of my soul,

who healest all our infirmities by thy sacred blood: I am that sick man, whom thou camest down from heaven to heal: Oh, heal my soul, for I have sinned against thee.

Thou art the good shepherd, who hast laid down thy life for thy sheep; behold I am that sheep that was lost, and yet thou vouchsafest to feed me with thy body and blood; take me now upon thy shoulders to carry me home. What canst thou deny me, who hast given me thyself? Govern me, and I shall want nothing in the place of pasture where thou hast put me, until thou bringest me to the happy pastures of life eternal.

O true light, which enlightenest every man that cometh into this world, enlighten my eyes, that I may never sleep in death.

O fire, ever burning, and never decaying, behold how tepid and cold I am; inflame my reins and my heart, that they may burn with thy love; for thou camest to cast fire upon earth, and what dost thou desire but that it be enkindled?

O King of heaven and earth, rich in

mercy, behold I am poor and needy; thou knowest what I stand most in need of; thou alone canst assist and enrich me. Help me, O God, and out of the treasures of thy bounty succour my needy soul.

O my Lord and my God, behold I am thy servant; give me understanding, and excite my affection, that I may know and do thy will.

Thou art the Lamb of God, the Lamb without spot, who takest away from me whatever is hurtful to me and displeasing to thee; and give me what thou knowest to be pleasing to thee and profitable to me.

Thou art my love and all my joy; thou art my God and my All; thou art the portion of my inheritance, and of my chalice: thou art He that will restore my inheritance to me.

O my God and my All, may the sweet flame of thy love consume my soul, that so I may die to the world for the love of thee, who hast vouchsafed to die upon the cross for the love of me.

Oh! that I could give thee, dear Lord, as much praise, glory, and honour, as is

given thee by the angels and blessed spirits in heaven. But as this, in my present state of existence, is impossible, accept, at least, my desire and good will. Deliver me from everything that is contrary to thy will, and dispose my soul for thy greater glory.

Into thy hands I surrender myself, O my Creator, and, laying aside all private wishes, desire to depend on thee, not only as to the whole state of my body and soul, but also as to all the accidents and events thou mayest please to appoint for me, asking nothing more, but that thy name may be glorified for ever.

If it be more for thy honour, that I should suffer interior desolation, I accept it from thy hand, convinced that whatever I suffer in my soul, for love of thee, is for my good.

O my God, how little art thou known, how little loved! Come to me, dear Lord! and if thou nowhere else findest rest, infuse thyself wholly into my soul. May the fire of thy love, O my God, ever burn in my heart, and increase to

such a flame, as may consume not only the sacrifice, but the altar also.

Let nothing be my comfort but thou, my Lord Jesus, nor anything afflict me but my sins, and whatever is displeasing to thy divine Majesty.

O blessed Jesus, life eternal by whom I live and without whom I die, grant I may be united to thee: that in the embraces of thy holy love and divine will I may rest for ever.

When shall I behold thee, sweet Lord? When shall I appear before thy face? When shall I see thee in the land of the living? Till then I sigh and bewail my banishment, desiring to be dissolved, and be with thee!

ACTS OF DEVOTION, PRAISE, AND THANKS-
GIVING AFTER COMMUNION.

O my sweet Jesus, my God and my All, whence is this to me, that my Lord, and so great a Lord, whom heaven and earth cannot contain, should come into this poor cottage, this house of clay of my earthly habitation! Oh, that I

could give thee a hearty welcome! Oh, that I could entertain thee as I ought! Thy loving kindness inviteth me to thine embraces, and I would willingly say with the spouse in the Canticles, „I have found him whom my soul loveth, I have held him, and will never let him go“: but the awe of so great a Majesty checks me, and the sense of my great unworthiness and innumerable sins keeps me back. No, my soul, it is the feet of thy Saviour only that thou canst presume to embrace; it is there thou must present thyself, like Magdalen, and wish that, like her, thou couldst wash them away with thy tears. Oh, that thou couldst be so happy!

But, first, bow down thyself with all thy powers, to adore the Sovereign Majesty which hath vouchsafed to come to visit thee: pay him the best homage thou art able, as to thy first beginning and thy last end; and perfectly annihilate thyself in the presence of this eternal, immense, infinite Deity. Then pour thyself forth in his presence, in praise and thanksgiving, and invite all heaven and

earth to join with thee in magnifying their Lord and thine, for his mercy and bounty to thee.

Oh! what return shall I make to thee, O Lord, for all thou hast done for me! Behold, when I had no being at all, thou hast created me; and when I was gone astray, and lost in my sins, thou hast redeemed me; all that I have, all that I am, is thy gift; and now, after all thy other favours, thou hast given me thyself; blessed be thy name for ever. Thou art great, O Lord, and exceedingly to be praised; great are thy works, and of thy wisdom there is no end: but thy tender mercies, thy bounty and goodness to me, are above all thy works; these I desire to confess and extol for ever. Bless then thy Lord, O my soul, and let all that is within thee praise and magnify his name.

Bless thy Lord, O my soul, and see thou never forgettest all that he hath done for thee. All ye works of the Lord, bless the Lord, praise and glorify his name. Bless the Lord, all ye saints, and let the whole church of heaven and

earth join in praising and giving him thanks for all his mercies and graces to me; and so, in some measure, supply for what is due from me. But as all this still falleth short of what I owe thee for thine infinite love, I offer to thee, O eternal Father, this same Son of thine, whom thou hast given me, and his thanksgiving, which is of infinite value; and this I am sure thou wilt accept. Look not then upon my insensibility and ingratitude, but upon the face of thy Christ, and with him, and through him, receive this offering of my poor self, which I desire to make thee.

AN OBLATION AFTER COMMUNION.

O Father of mercies, and God of all consolation, how hast thou loved us, to whom thou hast given thine only-begotten Son, once for our ransom, and daily for the food of our souls! What can I, a wretched creature, return to thee for this infinite charity? Verily, nothing else but this same beloved Son of thine, whom thou hast given to me, and surely thou couldst give nothing greater,

or more worthy of thyself. Him then I offer to thee, O heavenly Father, with whom thou art always well pleased; him, whom thou hast lovingly delivered up to death for me, and given me in this most holy sacrament which we frequent for the everlasting memorial of his death. He is our high priest and victim; he is the propitiation for the sins of the whole world; he is our advocate and intercessor. Look down then upon him, and for his sake look down upon me, and upon us all. Remember all his sufferings, which he endured here in this mortal life; his bitter anguish, his agony and bloody sweat; all the injuries and affronts, all the blows and stripes, all the bruises and wounds that he received for us. Remember his death which thou wast pleased should be the fountain of our life: and for the sake of his sacred passion, have mercy on us. Receive, O holy Father, this holy and unspotted victim which I here offer thee, in union with that love, with which he offered himself to thee upon the altar of the cross; receive him for the praise and glory of thy name, in

thanksgiving for all the benefits bestowed on me, and on all mankind; in satisfaction also for all my sins; for the benefit of thy whole Church, and the refreshment and comfort of all thy faithful, living and dead; through the same Lord, Jesus Christ, thy Son.

And turning myself to thee, O my dear Lord and Saviour, who hast here given me thyself, I would gladly make some suitable return to thee for this infinite love, I would gladly make thee some offering in acknowledgment of this rich present which thou hast made me. But alas! thou knowest I have nothing worthy of thine acceptance, nothing but what, upon a thousand titles, is already thine. But, O my God, such is thy goodness, thou wilt be content with the little that I can give thee, though it be thine own already; thou askest nothing but my heart, and this I here must willingly offer thee. Oh! be pleased to accept of it, and make it wholly thine for ever. I offer thee here my whole being, my body with its senses, and my soul with all its powers: that as thou

hast at present honoured them both by thy presence, so they may both be thy temple for ever. Oh, sanctify and consecrate eternally to thyself this mansion, which thou hast this day chosen for thine abode. I give thee my memory, that it may be for ever recollected in thee; my understanding, that it may be always enlightened and directed by thy truth; and my will, that it may be ever conformable to thine, and ever burn with the love of thee. Oh, take me entirely into thy hands, with all that I have, and all that I am; and let nothing henceforward, in life or death, ever separate me any more from thee. Amen.

PETITIONS AFTER COMMUNION.

O most merciful Saviour, behold I have presumed to receive thee this day into my house, relying unto thine infinite goodness and mercy, and hoping, like Zaccheus, to obtain thy benediction. But alas! with how little preparation! with how little devotion! From my heart I beg pardon for my great unworthiness,

and for my innumerable sins, which I detest for the love of thee, and I desire to detest them for ever! Oh! wash them all away with thy precious blood; for thou art the Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world; and one drop of this blood, which thou hast shed for us, is more than enough to cancel the sins of ten thousand worlds.

Thou seest, O Searcher of hearts, all my maladies, and all the wounds of my soul! thou knowest how prone I am to evil, and how backward and sluggish to good. Thou seest this self-love, that tyrannizes over my soul, which is so deeply rooted in my corrupt nature, and branches out into so many vices; so much pride and vanity; so much passion and envy; so much covetousness and worldly solicitude; so much sensuality and concupiscence. Oh! who can heal all these my evils, but thou, the true physician of my soul, who givest me thy body and blood in this blessed sacrament, as a sovereign medicine for all my infirmities, and a sovereign balsam for all my wounds. Dispel the darkness of

ignorance and error from my understanding, by thy heavenly light; drive away the corruption and malice of my will, by the fire of divine love and charity; restrain all the motions of concupiscence, and all the irregular sallies of passion, that they may no more prevail over me; strengthen my weakness with heavenly fortitude; destroy this hellish monster of self-love, with its many heads, or at least chain down this worst of all my enemies, that it may no longer usurp the empire of my soul, which belongeth to thee, and which thou hast taken possession of this day. Cut off the heads of this beast, and particularly that which annoyeth me most, and which is my predominant passion; stand by me henceforward in all my temptations, that I may never more be overcome; remove from me all dangerous occasions, and grant me this one favour, that I may rather die a thousand deaths, than live to offend thee mortally.

O my Jesus, thou art infinitely rich, and all the treasures of divine grace are

locked up in thee; these treasures thou bringest with thee, when thou dost visit us in this blessed sacrament, and thou takest an infinite pleasure in opening them to us, to enrich our poverty. This gives me the confidence now to present my petitions to thee, and to beg of thee those graces and virtues, which I very much stand in need of, as thou knowest. Oh! increase and strengthen my belief of thy heavenly truths, and grant that henceforward I may ever live by faith, and be guided by the maxims of thy gospel. Teach me to be poor in spirit, and take off my heart from the love of these transitory things, and fix it upon eternity. Teach me, by thy divine example, and by thy most efficacious grace, to be meek and humble of heart, and in my patience to possess my soul. Grant that I may ever keep my body and soul chaste and pure from the corruption of lust; that I may ever bewail my past sins, and, by a daily mortification, restrain all irregular inclinations and passions for the future. Above all things, teach me to love thee, and to

walk always in thy presence: teach me to love my friends in thee, and my enemies for thee; grant me grace to persevere to the end in this love, and so to come one day to that happy place, where I may love and enjoy thee for ever.

Have mercy also on my parents, friends, and benefactors, and on all those for whom I am in any way bound to pray, that we may all love thee and faithfully serve thee. Have mercy on thy whole Church, and on all the clergy, and religious men and women, that all may live up to their calling, and sanctify thy name. Give thy grace and blessing to all princes and magistrates, and to all Christian people; convert all unbelievers and sinners, and bring all strayed sheep back to thy fold, particularly have mercy on N. and N. & c.

O blessed Virgin, Mother of my God and Saviour, recommend all these my petitions to thy Son. — O all ye angels and saints, citizens of heaven, join also your prayers with mine; you ever stand before the throne, and see him face to face, whom I here receive under veils;

be ever mindful of me, and obtain from him, and through him, that with you I may bless him, and love him for ever. Amen.

DEVOTIONS TO THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT.

HYMN TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

O saving Host, that heavens gate
Laidst open at so dear a rate;
Intestine wars invade our breast,
Be thou our strength, support and rest.
To God the Father and the Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,
Be endless praise: may He above
With life eternal crown our love.

Amen.

BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

PANGE LINGUA.

Sing, O my tongue, adore and praise
The depth of God's mysterious ways;
How Christ, the worlds great King,
bestowed
His flesh concealed in human food;
And left mankind the blood that paid
The ransom for the souls he made.

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Giv'n from above and born for man,
From Virgin's womb his life began;
He liv'd on earth, and preach'd to sow
The seeds of heav'nly truth below:
Then sealed his mission from above,
With strange effects of power and love.

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'T was on that ev'ning when the last
And most mysterious supper past,
When Christ with his disciples sat,
To close the law with legal meat:
Then to the twelve himself bestow'd
With his own hands to be their food.

The Word made flesh for love of man
By's word turns bread to flesh again,
And wine to blood, unseen by sense,
By virtue of omnipotence.
And here the faithful rest secure,
While God can vouch, and faith ensure.

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To this mysterious table now
Our knees, our hearts, and sense we bow.
Let ancient rites resign their place
To nobler elements of grace:
And faith for all defects supply,
Whilst sense is lost in mystery.

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To God, the Father, born of none,
To Christ, his co-eternal Son,
And Holy Ghost, whose equal rays
From both proceed, by equal praise,
One honour, jubilee, and fame,
For ever bless his glorious name.

Amen.

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V. Thou hast given them bread from
heaven.

R. Replenished with all sweetness and
delight.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

O God, who in this wonderful sacrament hast left us a perpetual memorial of thy passion: grant us, we beseech thee, so to reverence the sacred mysteries, that we may continually find in our souls the fruit of thy redemption: who livest and reignest God world without end. Amen.

Defend, we beseech thee, O Lord, through the intercession of blessed Mary, ever a virgin, this thy family from all adversity; and being prostrate before thee with our whole hearts, protect us in mercy from the snares of our enemies: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[When the priest gives the Benediction with the Bl. Sacrament, profoundly adore your Saviour there present, and offer up your whole self.]

Hail, true body, born of the blessed Virgin Mary, which truly sufferedst and wast immolated upon the cross for men! from whose side, being pierced, issued true blood; grant, that I may worthily receive thee at the hour of my death. O most clement, O most gracious, O most sweet Saviour Jesus, Son of the eternal God, have mercy upon us! —

ADORO TE.

I devoutly adore thee, O hidden Deity,
Who liest concealed indeed under these
forms:

To thee my whole heart subjects itself,
Because it finds itself quite lost in con-
templating thee.

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The sight, the feeling, and the taste
are here deceived,
But the hearing alone may be safely
believed.

I believe whatever the Son of God has
spoken.

Nothing can be more true than the
word of truth.

Upon the cross the divinity alone was
concealed;
But here the humanity also lies hid:
Yet I believe and confess both one and
the other,
And make the same petition as did the
penitent thief.

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I don't here see thy wounds as Thomas
did,

Yet I confess thee to be my God.

O grant, that I may ever believe in thee
more and more,

And evermore put my trust in thee, and
love thee.

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O blessed memorial of the death of our
Lord,

O living Bread, giving life to man,

Grant that my soul may ever live on
thee!

Grant that I may ever relish thy sweetness.

*

O pious Pelican, Jesus, our Lord,

Cleanse me, an unclean sinner, with thy
blood:

One drop of which is sufficient to save
The whole world from all its guilt.

*

O Jesus, whom I now see under a veil,
Oh! when will that hour come, which I
so much long for,
When the veil being removed, I shall
see thy face,
And be happy for ever in the contem-
plation of thy glory.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF ST. IGNATIUS.

Soul of Christ, be my sanctification;
Body of Christ, be my salvation;
Blood of Christ, fill all my veins;
Water of Christ's side, wash out my
stains;
Passion of Christ, my comfort be;
O good Jesus, listen to me —
In thy wounds I fain would hide,
Ne'er to be parted from thy side;

Guard me, should the foe assail me;
Call me, when my life shall fail me;
Bid me come to thee above,
With thy saints to sing thy love,
World without end. Amen.

Receive, O Lord, my entire liberty, I
give it up to thee without reserve.
Accept my memory, my understanding,
and my will, that they may be employed
wholly for thee. Whatever I have,
whatever I am, is thy gift: I restore
the whole to thee, to be subjected totally
to the disposal of thy will. Only give
me a love of thee, together with thy
grace, I am then sufficiently rich, and
nothing more do I ask.

LITANY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

God, the Father, Creator of the world,
God, the Son, Redeemer of mankind,
God, the Holy Ghost, perfecter of
the elect,

Sacred Trinity, three persons in one
God,

Jesus, God and Man, in two natures,
and one divine Person,

Jesus, our wonderful God, who for
our sake vouchsafest to sub-
ject thy Almighty Self to the
power of man, by immediately
descending upon our Altar,
when the priest pronounces the
words of consecration,

Jesus, our incomprehensible God, who
though the heaven of heavens can-
not contain thy immensity, yet
vouchsafest personally to reside in
our churches, and dwell amongst
us in a small tabernacle,

Jesus, our sovereign King, who, though
thy throne above is continually
surrounded by glorified minis-
tering spirits, yet vouchsafest
here in our most solemn pro-

Have mercy on us.

cessions to be accompanied by
such mean attendants as our-
selves,

Jesus, our heavenly physician, who
descendest from thy palace of
immortal bliss to our houses
of clay, to visit us on our sick
beds, and give thyself to com-
fort our sorrows,

Jesus, our glorious God, who sittest
at the right hand of thy
eternal Father, adored by in-
numerable angels, and encom-
passed with the splendour of
inaccessible light,

Jesus, our gracious God, who condes-
cending to the weakness of our
nature, coverest thy glory
under the familiar forms of
bread and wine, and permittest
thyself to be seen, touched, and
tasted, by wretched sinners,

Jesus, our gracious God, who, conceal-
ing the awful brightness of
thy majesty under such low
and humble veils, sweetly in-
vitest us to approach thy person,

Have mercy on us.

lay open our miseries, and deliver
our petitions into thy hands,
Jesus, our gracious God, who to
communicate thy divine nature
to miserable sinners, humblest
thyself to descend into our
breast, and, by an inconceivable
union, become one with us,
Jesus, the bread of life, that came
down from heaven, of which
whoever eats shall live for
ever,
Jesus, the heavenly manna, whose
sweetness nourishes thy elect
in the desert of this world,
Jesus, the food of angels, whose de-
liciousness replenishes our hearts
with celestial joys,
Jesus, the Lamb without spot, who
art every day sacrificed, and
yet always livest; every day
eaten, and yet still remainest
entire,
Jesus, the good Shepherd, who layest
down thy life for thy sheep,
and feedest them with thine
own body,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, who in this august and venerable mystery, art thyself become the priest and sacrifice,
Jesus, who in this sacred memorial of thy death, hast abridged all thy wonders into one accumulative miracle,
Jesus, who in this admirable sacrament hast contracted all thy blessings into one stupendous bounty,
Jesus, who by this blessed fruit of the tree of life, restorest us again to immortality,
Jesus, who by sanctifying the most familiar of thy creatures dost inspire us with a pure desire of thee, and teachest us the right use of the rest,
Jesus, who by becoming our daily food in this life, preparest us to feed on thee eternally in the next,
Jesus, who in this divine banquet givest us possession of thy grace here, and a secure pledge of our glory hereafter,

Have mercy on us.

Have mercy, O Lord,
And pardon our sins.

Have mercy, O Lord,
And hear our prayers.

From presuming to measure the
depth of divine Omnipotence,
by the short line of human
reason,

From presuming to interpret the
secrets of thy will, by the
fallible rule of private judgment,

From all distraction and irreverence
in assisting at this awful
sacrifice,

From neglecting to approach this
holy table, and from coming
to it negligently,

From an unworthy and fruitless receiv-
ing of this adorable sacra-
ment,

From all hardness of heart, and in-
gratitude for so unspeakable
a blessing,

Trough thy irresistible power, which
changeth the course of nature
as thou pleasest,

Deliver us, O Lord.

Through thy unsearchable wisdom,
which disposeth all things in
perfect order,

Through thy infinite goodness, in be-
stowing thyself on us in this
incomprehensible mystery,

Through thy blessed body broken for
us on the cross, and really
given to us in the holy com-
munion,

Through thy precious blood, shed for
us on the cross, and substanti-
ally present in the chalice of
benediction.

We sinners,

beseech thee hear us.

That we may always believe nothing
more reasonable than to submit
reason to faith,

That by this sacred oblation, we may
solemnly acknowledge thy in-
finite perfections, and supreme
dominion over all things,

That by this sacred oblation we may
humbly acknowledge our de-

Deliver us, O Lord.

We beseech thee, hear us.

pendence on thee, and absolute
subjection to the disposal of
thy will,

That we may eternally adore thy
goodness, who standing in no
need of us, hast contrived such
endearing motives to make us
love thee, and be happy,

That we may thankfully comply with
thy gracious desire of being
united to us, by a fervent de-
sire of being united to thee,

That before we approach this banquet
of divine love, we may sincerely
endeavour to be reconciled to
thee, and to be in perfect
charity with all mankind,

That at the moment of receiving thy
sacred body, our souls may
dissolve in reverence and love,
to attend on and entertain so
glorious a guest,

That returning from this divine ban-
quet, we may recollect all our
thoughts to praise thee, and
immediately apply our utmost

We beseech thee, hear us.

endeavour to the amendment
of our lives,

That by this heavenly preservative,
our hearts may be healed of
their infirmities, and strengthen-
ed against future relapses,

That as we adore thee here by faith,
under this sacred veils, we may
hereafter behold thee face to
face, and eternally rejoice in
thy presence.

We beseech thee, hear us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins
of the world,

Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins
of the world,

Hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins
of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

The Antiphona.

The glorious King of heaven and earth, to show the richness of his bounty, hath prepared a solemn and splendid feast, and calls even the meanest of his subjects to sit down at his table, by his gracious invitation: „Come to me all you that labour and are oppressed, and I will refresh you; for my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.“

V. Thou hast given us, O Lord, bread from heaven. Alleluia.

R. Replenished with all sweetness and delight. Alleluia.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

O God, who in this wonderful sacrament hast left us a perpetual memorial of thy passion; grant us, we beseech thee, so to reverence these sacred mysteries of thy body and blood, that we may continually perceive in our souls the fruits

of thy redemption : who, with the Father
and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest,
world without end. Amen.

— VERSES ADDRESSED TO OUR SAVIOUR. —

O Jesus, my Jesus, O Jesus divine !
My life and my death, unto thee I
resigne.

Every action of mine shall thy patronage
claim,
For whatever I do, shall be done in thy
name.

If I walk, sweetest Jesus, my footsteps
shall guide

If I sit, dearest Jesus shall be by my
side.

And the greatest of joys I will deem it
to be

In the night-time to watch, O my Jesus,
with thee.

When with sleep overcome I these eyelids
shall close,

Still breathing thy love I will take my
repose.

If I study, sweet Jesus my master shall be,

When writing, my hand shall be guided
by thee.

And when using my pen, it shall be my
delight,

The adorable name of my Jesus to write.
However with sorrow or labour oppressed,
In the love of my Jesus I'll seek for my
rest;

When sick, my physician sweet Jesus
shall be,

And for comfort I'll turn, O my Jesus,
to thee.

In thy bosom, sweet Jesus, I trust, I
shall die,

With confidence then I'll breath out my
last sigh;

When fallen beneath sable death's fatal
doom,

Thy heart, O my Jesus, shall be my
sweet tomb.

And when the cold turf shall be thrown
over me,

Thy Name and thy Cross shall my epi-
taph be.

HYMN TO OUR SAVIOUR.

[From St. Bernard.]

Jesus, the only thought of thee,
With sweetneess fills my breast;
But sweeter far it is to see,
And on thy beauty feast.

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No sound, no harmony so gay,
Can art or music frame;
No thought can reach, no words can say,
The sweets of thy bless'd name.

*

Jesus! our hope when we repent —
Sweet source of all our grace;
Sole comfort in our banishment,
Oh, what when face to face?

*

Jesus! that name inspires my mind
With springs of life and light;
More than I ask, in thee I find,
And lavish in delight.

*

No art, or eloquence of man
Can tell the joys of love;
Only the saints can understand
What they in Jesus prove.

Thee, then, I'll seek, retir'd apart,
From world and business free :
When these shall knock', I'll shut my
heart,
And keep it all for thee.

*

Before the morning light I'll come,
With Magdalen, to find,
In sighs and tears, my Jesus' tomb,
And there refresh my mind.

*

My tears upon his grave shall flow,
My sighs the garden fill :
Then at his feet myself I'll throw,
And there I'll seek his will.

*

Jesus, in thy bless'd steps I'll tread,
And walk in all thy ways;
I'll never cease to weap and plead,
Till I'm restor'd to grace.

*

O King of Love! thy bless'd fire
Does such sweet flames excite,
That first it raises the desire,
Then fills it with delight.

Thy lovely presence shines so clear
Through every sense and way,
That souls which once have seen thee
near,
See all things else decay.

*

Come then, dear Lord, possess my heart,
Chase hence the shades of night;
Come, pierce it with thy flaming dart,
And ever-shining light.

*

Then I'll for ever Jesus sing,
And with the saints rejoice;
And both, my heart and tongue shall
bring
Their tribute to my dearest King,
In never — ending joys. Amen.

A PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT.

O sweet and adorable Jesus, who in
the excess of thy love, art pleased to
dwell with us in the Sacrament of the
Altar; I here acknowledge that thou art
my Sovereign and my God. I adore

thee with the most profound humility ; I thank thee, with all my heart, for the tenderness thou here showest me, in spite of the treatment thou receivest. Pierced with the sincerest grief, at the sight of my ingratitude, I come, O God of Majesty, to make thee some poor amends for all the sacrileges and the impiety which were ever committed, against this adorable Sacrament. Why cannot I, O God, sufficiently testify my own regret, for having so often appeared before thee with indifference, and for having approached thee with so little fervour, and so little love? Forget, O Lord, my iniquities, that thou mayest remember only thy infinite mercies. Deign to accept the desire I have of honouring thee in the adorable Sacrament. Yes, I wish with all my heart to love thee, to bless, to praise, and adore thee here, as fervently as the saints and angels adore thee: and I conjure thee, by this sacred body, and by this most precious blood, that I may henceforth honour thee so fervently, and receive thee so worthily, that after this

life I may praise thee for ever, with thy saints, in heaven. Amen.

**ANOTHER PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT, OR AT BENEDICTION.**

I. O Sovereign Majesty, who residest upon our altars to receive our homage, and dost there annihilate and immolate thyself in honour of thy eternal Father, to come and reign in our hearts, I adore thee! I profoundly pay thee all the homage due to a God who is to decide my eternal doom. I prostrate myself before thee, I desire to join in the profound adorations of the seraphim, who assist around the altar, and I beseech thee to accept their recollection and their love, to supply for the wanderings of my mind, and the indifference of my heart.

II. Penetrate me with sorrow and confusion for the irreverences and indecencies which I have dared to commit in thy presence, and for those also of all other Christians, I most humbly crave pardon for them, and am resolved to make

amends for them by appearing before thee with all that modesty, all that reserve, all that respect, and all that spirit of religion with which I ought to present myself in thy presence. I desire to satisfy thy justice for all the outrages thou hast received from impious libertines and heretics in the most holy sacrament. Forgive them, O Lord, for they know not what they do; and cause me to suffer the temporal punishment which they have deserved, rather than abandon and punish them for ever.

III. While the angels lie prostrate before thee, O great God, and struck with humble fear, fervently pay thee their tribute of profound respect and ardent love, shall we mortals, who are the work of thy hands, and the price of thy blood, appear in thy presence with wandering eyes and dissipated minds, with cold and indifferent hearts, without addressing thee, and almost without thinking of thee? O my Saviour! suffer me not to be thus wanting in the respect and love which I owe to thy greatness, and which thou dost so much

the more deserve, as thou dost the more humble thyself for the love of me.

IV. Inspire me with the sentiments of the publican, who dared not to lift up his eyes towards God, penetrated with sorrow and confusion for his sins; and of the prodigal son, when he returned to his father's house, and grant that, like them, I may be restored through thy bounty and my sorrow, to thy grace and favour.

V. O my soul, behold thy God who died for thee, and of whose death thou wert the cause: how canst thou refrain from testifying thy love and gratitude towards him? O my heart, burn with love in the presence of Jesus Christ, like the lamp which hangs before his altar, and like it, consume thyself in his honour. No, I desire never to depart from thy sacramental presence, my Saviour, without being converted and becoming wholly thine. Amen.

Live, Jesus, live, and let it be
My life, to die for love of thee!

DEVOTIONS TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS.

AN ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS.

To thee, O sacred heart of Jesus, I devote and offer up my life, thoughts, words, actions, pains, and sufferings. To thee I consecrate my soul and body, with all the faculties and senses thereof, so that no part of my being may any longer be employed but in loving, serving, honouring, and glorifying thee. Be thou, O most bountiful heart, my justification at the throne of God, and screen me from his anger, which I have so justly merited. In thee I place all my confidence, and convinced, as I am, of my own weakness, I rely entirely on thy compassionate mercy. Annihilate in me all that is displeasing and offensive to thy pure eye. Imprint thyself, like a divine seal, on my heart, that I may ever remember

my obligations, and never be separated from thee. May my name also, I beseech thee, by thy tender goodness, ever be fixed and engraved in the book of life, and may I ever be a victim consecrated to thy glory, ever burning with the flames of thy pure love, and entirely penetrated with them for all eternity. In this I place all my happiness; this is all my desire, to live and die in no other quality but that of thy devoted servant. Amen.

THE LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART OF
JESUS.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God, the Father of heaven,

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

God the Holy Ghost,

Holy Trinity, one God,

Heart of Jesus,

Have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, formed in the womb
of the most blessed Virgin,
Heart of Jesus, hypostatically united
to the eternal Word,
Heart of Jesus, sanctuary of the divi-
nity, and tabernacle of the
most Holy Trinity,
Heart of Jesus, temple of sanctity
and fountain of all graces,
Heart of Jesus, most meek and
humble,
Heart of Jesus, most chaste and
obedient,
Heart of Jesus, furnace of love, and
source of contrition,
Heart of Jesus, treasure of wisdom
and goodness,
Heart of Jesus, throne of mercy, and
abyss of all virtues,
Heart of Jesus, sorrowful in the
garden, and spent with a
bloody sweat,
Heart of Jesus, saturated with re-
proaches, and consumed for our
sins,
Heart of Jesus, made obedient even
unto the death of the cross,

Have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, pierced through with
a lance,
Heart of Jesus, refuge of sinners,
Heart of Jesus, fortitude of the just,
and comfort of the afflicted,
Heart of Jesus, main strength of the
tempted, and terror of devils,
Heart of Jesus, sanctification of hearts,
Heart of Jesus, perseverance of the good,
and hope of the dying,

Have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, joy of the blessed, and
the delight of all the saints,

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins
of the world:

Spare us, O Jesus.

Lamb of God, who takest away the
sins of the world:

Hear us, O Jesus.

Lamb of God, who takest away the
sins of the world:

Have mercy on us, O Jesus.

V. O most sacred heart of Jesus, have
mercy on us.

R. That we may worthily love thee
with our whole hearts.

Let us pray:

O God, who out of thy immense love hast given to the faithful the most sacred heart of thy Son, our Lord, as the object of their tender affection, grant we beseech thee, that we may so love and honour this pledge of thy love on earth, as by it to merit the love both of thee and thy gift, and be eternally loved by thee and this most blessed heart in heaven: through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART OF
JESUS.

O most amiable heart of Jesus, fruitful source of all graces, since thou desirest to possess my heart, and commandest me to love thee, I consecrate it wholly to thee with all its affections. Accept the gift I made thee of all that I am. I am sensible that what I give is little in comparison of what I owe thee, and of the immense favours thou bestowest on me. I give thee, never-

theless, what I am able, and as much as thou askest and desirest of me. I am grieved that I give it thee unclean, full of ingratitude, of earthly desires, and defiled with a thousand uncleannesses. But do thou, infinite Goodness, cleanse it with thy grace, sanctify it with thy gifts, disengage it from every fleeting good, and kindle in it thy holy and most pure love. I present it to thee proud and impatient; do thou make it humble and docile. Come then and reign in it, O my God, and with thy sweet and amiable dominion over it, banish, destroy, consume, and annihilate whatever is in it displeasing to thee; regulate its inclinations, correct its errors, fix its inconstancy, strengthen its weakness, purify its intentions, warm its tepidity, impress it with a horror of sin, with a love and perfect obedience of thy most holy law; with meekness, patience, charity towards its neighbour, resignation to thy will, and every virtue which has been thy delight, may it also be the delight of my heart. Be thou its guide in the dangerous ways of this world, its

consolation in afflictions, its refuge in persecutions, its shield and defence against its enemies; effect, in fine, that dying to itself, it may no longer live but for thee. Amen.

And thou, immaculate Mary, most holy and dear mother of sacred love, thou, who so much desirest that thy divine Son may be loved by all, obtain for me, by thy most powerful intercession, that he may receive and accept this solemn consecration, which I this day make of my whole self in thy presence, to the end that my name may be written in indelible characters in the number of those happy souls who, faithful and constant in his service, shall never be separated from the most sweet love of thy dear and most amiable Son, Jesus. Amen.

DEVOTIONS TO OUR SUFFERING SAVIOUR.

PRAYER TO JESUS SUFFERING.

O spotless Lamb! O innocent Victim!
who by thy death and blood hast effaced

the sins of mankind, blot out my iniquities and do not permit that thy sufferings should become useless to me. O Jesus, humbled, sorrowful, desolate and resigned to death! Help me to receive with a resignation like thine whatever afflictions thou shalt please to send me. O Jesus calumniated, accused, despised: teach me to look down with indifference on the judgments of men, and to suffer with patience the most provoking injuries. O Jesus, torn with stripes, pierced with thorns, weltering in blood for my sake, teach me to endure, for love of thee, the anguish and inconvenience of ill health, misery or afflictions. O Jesus, abandoned to executioners, shamefully condemned to a cross, enable me to fly all vain glory, and patiently to endure the most humbling contradictions. O Jesus, sinking under the weight of thy cross, I unite myself to thee and my crosses also to thine: grant me patience and resignation. O Jesus, raised upon thy cross, draw me now powerfully to thee; thou art expiring for my sake, Oh, let me never live,

but for thee; that being henceforward crucified with thee, my whole occupation may be to love and adore thee incessantly. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF ST. BRIDGET.

[To be said in honour of the passion and death of
our Lord.]

I.

O most sweet Lord Jesus Christ, eternal sweetness of those who love thee; and joy, desire, and firm hope of the hopeless; solace of the sorrowful, and most merciful lover of all penitent sinners; who hast said: Thy delight is to be with the sons of men, for the love of whom thou didst assume human nature in the fulness of time: remember, most sweet Lord Jesus, all those sharp sorrows which did pierce thy sacred soul from the first instant of thy incarnation, until the time of thy sorrowful passion, pre-ordained from all eternity: remember, O most amiable Saviour, all that bitter anguish, thou didst suffer, when at thy

last supper thou didst wash the feet of thy disciples, didst feed them with the sacred banquet of thy most precious body and blood, and most sweetly comforting them, didst foretel them thy ensuing passion; after which, going to Mount Olivet, thou saidst, My soul is sorrowful unto death. Remember I beseech thee, O most sweet Saviour, that bitter grief and anguish which thy sacred soul did suffer, when praying three several times to thy heavenly Father, thou didst sweat water and blood, thou wast betrayed by thy own disciple, apprehended by thy chosen people, accused by false witnesses, unjustly arraigned before three judges, and in thy chosen city, in the Paschal solemnity, in the flourishing age of thy youth, wrongfully condemned, bound, beaten, spurned, spit upon, despoiled of thy garments, and clothed with others in scorn; wast blindfolded, buffeted, spit upon again, bound naked to a pillar, most cruelly scourged, crowned with thorns, struck with a reed, and afflicted with unnumerable other torments, pains and injuries. O my Lord Jesus, by the memory and merit of all

that bitter pain and anguish, before thou breathedst thy last upon the cross, vouchsafe to grant me before my death, true contrition, entire confession, a flowing fountain of tears, full satisfaction, and plenary remission of all my sins. Amen.

O most gracious Lord Jesus, be propitious to me a sinner.

Our Father, & Hail Mary, & c.

II.

O most sweet Lord Jesus, everflowing Fountain of heavenly delights, remember, I beseech thee, that grief and sorrow which thou didst suffer when, thy cruel enemies, like fierce lions, with furious and dreadful looks, compassing thee round about, did tear off thy hair, spit upon thy sacred face, scratch, buffet thee, and with all manner of unheard-of injuries, outrages and torments, did most cruelly and basely blaspheme, scorn, and affront thee. O most sweet Lord Jesus, by all those most barbarous and inhuman outrages which thou didst suffer, vouchsafe to deliver me from all my enemies, visible and invisible, that protected under

the shadow of thy wings, I may safely arrive at the port of eternal glory. Amen.

O most gracious Lord Jesus Christ, be propitious to me a sinner. Our Father &c.

III.

O most sweet Lord Jesus, omnipotent Creator and Fabricator of the world, and Repairer of mankind, who containest both heaven and earth in thy hand, and whose immensity no bounds can limit: remember, I beseech thee, that bitter pain and anguish which thou didst endure, when the perfidious Jews pierced thy delicate and tender hands and feet with most rough and blunt nails, stretching them forth violently with cords to the holes, they had made in the Cross. Thus they heaped dolours upon dolours, most cruelly disjointing all thy bones, breaking all thy veines, and renewing all thy sacred wounds. O most sweet Jesus, by the memory of all these pains and torments on the Cross, vouchsafe to

give me thy fear and love, with perfect charity towards my neighbour. Amen.

O most merciful Lord Jesus &c.

IV.

O most sweet Lord Jesus, heavenly Physician of humane nature, and eternal King, remember, I beseech thee, all those bitter pains which thou didst endure in thy sacred members, who being hoisted up upon the Cross with all thy precious body rent and torn, all thy bones being so disjointed, that not one remained in its right place; not having from the crown of thy head unto the soles of thy feet, any part left whole, so that no dolour could be compared to thine, at which time being unmindful of thine own torments, thou didst mercifully pray to thy heavenly Father for thy cruel enemies, saying: Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do. O most meek and merciful Lord Jesus, by this thy admirable benignity, goodness, love, and mercy, and by all thy bitter pains and torments, I grant that the memory of thy dolorous passion

may be to me a most powerful protection of my soul and body, against all the deceits, temptations and molestations of the devils, my cruel enemies. Amen.

O most pious Lord Jesus &c.

V.

O most sweet Lord Jesus Christ, Mirror of eternal brightness, and wisdom of the omnipotent Father, remember the bitter grief and sorrow thy sacred soul did feel, when beholding in the clear mirror of thy divine presence, the predestination of the elect, who through the merits of thy most wholesome passion were to be saved, and the reprobation of the wicked, who for their ingratitude were to be damned, and the abyss of thy immense mercy, by which thou didst commiserate and shed tears for us miserable, lost, forlorn sinners: and chiefly by that mercy thou didst show to the thief upon the Cross, saying to him: This day thou shalt be with me in Paradise, I beseech thee, O most sweet Lord Jesus, my Lord and my God, to show

the like mercy to me, now and at the hour of my death. Amen.

O most sweet Lord Jesus &c.

VI.

O most sweet Lord Jesus, omnipotent King and most amiable friend, remember the bitter grief and sorrow thy sacred soul did suffer, when being forsaken by all thy friends and acquaintances, thou didst hang naked, rent, and torn upon the Cross, not having any to comfort or compassionate thee, but only the blessed Virgin Mary, thy Mother, who standing under the Cross, in the bitterness of her soul, accompanied thee in all thy torments, unto whom thou didst commend thy beloved disciple St. John in thy place, saying unto her: Woman, behold thy Son! and after to that disciple: Behold thy Mother! O most sweet Lord Jesus, by that sword which did then transpierce her sacred soul, and by the tender love and compassion wherewith thou didst behold the sad distress of thy sorrowful Mother, have pity and compassion on me, I beseech thee, my dearest

Lord, and mercifully help, comfort, succour, and assist me in all my tribulations, adversities, necessities, sorrows, and sufferings, both spiritual and corporal. Amen.

O most blessed Lord Jesus &c.

VII.

O most sweet and blessed Lord Jesus, crown of joy, treasure of felicity, sweet source of consolation, and unexhausted fountain of mercy; who hanging on the Cross, out of the most inflamed desire thou hadst for the salvation of our souls, saidst: I thirst for the redemption of mankind: O dearest Lord, by this thy ardent charity, inflame our hearts with thy holy love, enkindle our desires to accomplish diligently all good works, and wholly extinguish in me the heat of all evil concupiscence, and worldly affections. Amen.

O most excellent Lord Jesus &c.

VIII.

O most sweet Lord Jesus, the true light of those, that believe in thee,

suavity of our hearts, and sovereign solace of all faithful souls, by that bitter gall and vinegar thou didst taste upon the Cross at the hour of thy death, grant us, miserable sinners, grace, worthily to receive at all times, and particularly at the hour of our death, thy most precious body and blood, that by the virtue of this divine banquet, and all other salutary sacraments, we may be preserved from all evils, sins, and punishments, and replenished with all joy, securely appear in thy divine presence. Amen.

O most sweet Lord Jesus &c.

IX.

O most sweet Lord Jesus, King of virtues, and source of all delights, remember, I beseech thee, that excessive pain and anguish thou didst endure for us sinners on the Cross, when through the bitterness of death, and the impious blasphemies, derisions, scorns, and reproaches of the Jews, with a loud voice and weeping eyes, thou didst cry to thy heavenly Father, with this sad com-

plaint: My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? O most sweet Lord Jesus, by this thy bitter torment, sorrow, grief, and anguish, vouchsafe I beseech thee to have pity on me, and succour me in all my sorrows, sufferances and tribulations, and particularly at the hour of my death: O then, my dearest Lord and my God, vouchsafe to assist and succour me, and do not forsake me, I beseech thee. Amen.

O most gracious Lord Jesus &c.

X.

O most sacred Lord Jesus, Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end of all things, and mirror of all virtues, remember, how from the crown of thy head to thy feet thou wert immersed in the deluge of thy dolorous passion, for the love of us vile sinners. O most sweet Lord Jesus, by the length, breadth, greatness, and multitude of thy most sacred wounds, take from me the love of the world and teach me by true and

perfect charity always to keep thy holy laws and commandments. Amen.

O most wise Lord Jesus &c.

XI.

O most sweet Lord Jesus, sovereign goodness, eternal beatitude of thy Saints, and most profound abyss of mercy! by the deep and dolorous wounds which did not only transpierce thy sacred flesh, but even thy bowels, and the marrow of thy bones, be merciful to me a sinner, who now am drowned in my sins and iniquities, and hide me in thy sacred wounds from the face of thy wrath, until thy indignation be passed away and appeased. Amen.

O most potent Lord Jesus &c.

XII.

O most sweet Lord Jesus, mirror of truth, pledge of union, and bond of charity; remember the innumerable multitude of all those painful wounds wherewith thou wast covered from head to foot; all thy holy body most cruelly rent and torn by the impious, and dyed with

thy most precious blood, all which most dreadful dolours thou didst endure for us vile sinners. O most glorious Lord, engrave these thy dolours deeply in my heart, and write them there with thy precious blood, that in them I may always read thy love and dolours, so that the memory of thy painful passion may daily be renewed in me and my love increased towards thee, and I remain perpetually thankful to thy immense charity to the last period of my life, until I come to enjoy thee my only dear Lord, and most desired treasure, abounding with all joy and felicity, which through thy goodness be pleased to grant, O most sweet Lord Jesus. Amen.

O most noble Lord Jesus &c.

XIII.

O most sweet Lord Jesus, most victorious Lion, and invincible, triumphant, and immortal King, remember, I beseech thee, all that bitter pain and anguish thou didst endure, when all the forces of thy soul and body failing, bowing down thy sacred head, thou saidst: It is con-

summated. O dearest Lord, by those thy deadly dolours, have mercy on me at my last passage, when my heart and soul shall be in anguish and anxiety. Amen.

O most noble Lord Jesus &c.

XIV.

O most sweet Lord Jesus, only begotten Son of the eternal Father, figure of his substance, splendour of his glory, remember that most earnest recommendation wherewith thou didst commend thy sacred soul to thy omnipotent Father upon the Cross, saying: Father into thy hands I commend my spirit: at which time thou didst hang naked upon the Cross, with thy most holy body all over wounded, rent, and torn, pouring forth streams of most precious blood, with thy face pale and wan, thy head crowned with thorns, thy arms extended, thy hands nailed, thy veins broken, thy bones disjoined, thy bowels of mercy opened, thine eyes weeping and obscured, thy voice failing, thy palate thirsting, and thy whole heart broken.

O my most merciful Lord, unto all those cruel pains and torments didst thou deliver thy most sacred, innocent, tender, pure, and precious body, for the redemption of us most wretched, vile, and miserable sinners, and in this manner renderedst thy sweet soul to thy celestial Father, by which most precious and innocent death of thine, and by the virtue of the holy Cross, I beseech thee, O Father of mercy and omnipotent King of Saints, to give me grace, to resist the world, the flesh, and the devil, that being dead to all terrestrial things, I may live to thee alone, and have the happiness to be received by thee at my last passage, when this my miserable exile shall be ended. Amen.

O most pious Lord Jesus &c.

XV.

O most sweet Lord Jesus, most flourishing, true and faithful vine, remember the superabundant effusion of thy precious blood, which thou didst pour forth so plenteously from all parts of thy holy body, like a cluster of pressed grapes,

when thou thyself alone didst tread the vinepress on the Cross, and out of thy pierced side didst give us water and wine to drink, not leaving so much as one drop, being then like a bundle of pure and precious myrrhe: thou wast hanged on high upon the Cross, at which time the marrow of thy bones dried up, and thy most delicate and tender body wholly fainted and failed. O most sweet Lord Jesus, by this most liberal effusion of thy precious blood, by all the sacred wounds of thy bitter passion, vouchsafe to wound my heart with that tender love wherewith the holy heart of thy blessed Mother was wounded under the Cross, that tears of love and penance may be my bread day and night; and convert me wholly to thee, that my heart may be thy perpetual habitation, my conversation pleasing and acceptable to thy divine Majesty, and the end of my life be precious in thy sight, that, having finished this mortal pilgrimage, I may be admitted into immortal glory; to praise and glorify thee, my sovereign Lord in the sweet

society of the holy angels and saints to all eternity. Amen.

DEVOTIONS TO THE HOLY GHOST.

Veni Creator.

Come Holy Ghost, Creator come,
From thy bright heavenly throne;
Come, take possession of our souls,
And make them all thy own.

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Thou who art call'd the Paraclete,
Best gift of God above;
The living spring, the living fire,
Sweet unction and true love.

*

Thou who art sev'nfold in thy grace,
Finger of God's right hand;
His promise teaching little ones,
To speak and understand.

*

Oh! Guide our minds with thy blest
light,
With love our hearts inflame;

And with thy strength, which ne'er
decays,
Confirm our mortal frame.

*

Far from us drive our hellish foe,
True peace unto us bring;
And through all perils lead us safe
Beneath thy sacred wing.

*

Through thee may we the Father know,
Through thee th'eternal Son,
And thee the Spirit of them both
Thrice blessed Three in One.

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All glory to the Father be
With his co-equal Son,
The like to thee, great Paraclete,
Till time itself is done.

Amen.

Let us pray.

O God, to whom every heart is open,
every will declares itself, and from whom
no secret lies concealed, purify by the
inspiration of the Holy Ghost, the

thoughts of our hearts; that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily serve thee: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Veni S. Spiritus.

Come, Holy Ghost, send down those
beams,
Which sweetly flow in silent streams,
From thy bright throne above.
Oh, come, thou Father of the poor,
Oh, come, thou source of all our store;
Come, fill our hearts with love.

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Oh thou, of Comforters the best,
O thou, the soul's delightful guest,
The pilgrim's sweet relief.
Thou art true rest in toil and sweat,
Refreshment in th'excess of heat,
And solace in our grief.

*

Thrice blessed light, shoot home thy
darts,
And pierce the centres of those hearts,
Whose faith aspireth to thee.

Without thy Godhead, nothing can
Have any price or worth in man,
Nothing can harmless be.

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Lord, wash our sinful stains away,
Water, from heav'n, our barren clay;
Our wounds and bruises heal.
To thy sweet yoke our stiff necks bow,
Warm with thy fire our hearts of snow,
Our wand'ring feet repeal.

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Grant to thy faithful, dearest Lord,
Whose only hope is thy sure word,
The seven gifts of the Spirit;
Grant us in life thy helping grace,
Grant us at death to see thy face,
And endless joy inherit.

Amen.

ANTHEM.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of thy
faithful, and kindle in them the fire of
thy love.

V. Send forth thy Spirit, and they
shall be created.

R. And thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray:

O God, who hast taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that we may, by the gift of the same Spirit, be always truly wise, and ever rejoice in his consolations. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITANY OF THE HOLY GHOST.

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
God the Father of heaven,
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God the Holy Ghost,
Holy Trinity, one God,
Holy Spirit, author of all good gifts,
Holy Spirit, divine light of our hearts,

} Have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, the best of comforters,
the sweet guest, and the
sweetest refreshment of our
souls,

Holy Spirit, ruler of our passions,
comforter of our tears,

That thou wouldst penetrate the very
centre of the hearts of the
faithful,

That thou wouldst wash our polluted
souls, water our barren clay
and heal all our wounds,

That thou wouldst soften our stub-
born wills, inflame our tepid
hearts, and guide our wandering
steps,

That thou wouldst grant to thy faith-
ful who trust in thee the
treasure of thy sevenfold gifts,

That thou wouldst grant us a virtuous
life, a happy death, and a
happy eternity,

That thou wouldst banish from our
hearts the spirit of the world
and of a disorderly life,

That thou wouldst banish from our
hearts the spirit of sloth, of

Have mercy on us.

We beseech thee, hear us.

self-love, and of the love of ease; the spirit of hatred and contention, of intemperance and impurity; the spirit of pride, vanity, and all manner of ambition;

That thou wouldst banish from our hearts the spirit of envy, detraction, calumny, and all kind of uncharitableness;

That thou wouldst banish from our hearts the spirit of dissembling, flattering, and lying; the spirit of revenge, passion, and impatience; the spirit of incredulity and profaneness;

That thou wouldst banish from our hearts the spirit of immoderate sollicitude and wordly care; the spirit of tepidity, coldness, and indevotion; the spirit of prodigality, covetousness, lightness, and inconstancy;

That thou wouldst grant us thy sevenfold gifts: wisdom, under-

We beseech thee, hear us.

standing, counsel, fortitude,
knowledge, piety, and fear;
That thou wouldst give us the spirit
of universal charity, by
which we may love God
above all things, and our
neighbours as ourselves;

We beseech thee,
hear us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins
of the world:

Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins
of the world:

Hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins
of the world:

Have mercy upon us, O Lord.

Holy Spirit, hear us.

Holy Spirit, graciously hear us.

Let us pray:

We beseech thee, O Lord, that thy
Holy Spirit, which proceedeth from thee,
may enlighten and regenerate our hearts,

and guide us into all truth, according to the promise of thy Son; who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the same Holy Ghost &c.

DEVOTIONS TO THE ADORABLE
TRINITY.

Te Deum.

Thee, sovereign God, our grateful ac-
cents praise,

We own thee Lord, and bless thy
wond'rous ways.

To thee, eternal Father, earth's whole
frame,

With loudest trumpets sounds immortal
fame.

Lord God of Hosts! to thee the heavenly
powers,

With sounding anthems fill thy vaulted
towers:

The Cherubim thrice holy, holy, holy,
cry;

Thrice holy all the Seraphim reply,
And thrice returning echoes, endless
songs supply.

Both heaven and earth thy Majesty display —

They owe their beauty to thy glorious
ray.

Thy praises fill the loud apostles' choir,
The train of prophets in the song con-
spire;

Legions of martyrs in the chorus shine,
And vocal blood with vocal music join.

By these thy Church, inspired with
heavenly art,

Around the world maintains a second
part;

And tunes her sweetest notes, O God,
to thee,

The Father of unbounded majesty;

The Son, adored co-partner of thy seat,

And equal, everlasting Paraclete.

Thou King of glory, Christ of the Most
High —

Thou co-eternal filial Deity;

Thou, who to save the world's impending
doom,

Vouchsaf'dst to dwell within a virgin's
womb:

Old tyrant Death disarmed, before thee
flew

The bolts of heaven, and back the foldings drew
To give access, and make the faithful way —

From God's right hand thy filial beams display.

Thou art to judge the living and the dead,

Then spare those souls for whome thy veins have bled.

Oh ! take us up amongst the blest above,

To share with them thy everlasting love.

Preserve, O Lord, thy people and enhance

Thy blessing on thine own inheritance.

For ever raise their hearts and rule their ways.

Each day we bless thee and proclaim thy praise.

No age shall fail to celebrate thy name,

Nor hour neglect thy everlasting fame !

Preserve our souls, O Lord, this day from ill :

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy still !

As we have hoped, do thou reward our pain—

We've hop'd in thee, let not our hope be vain.

V. Let us bless the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Ghost.

R. Let us praise and extol him for
ever.

LITANY TO THE ADORABLE TRINITY.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Jesus Christ, hear us.

Jesus Christ, graciously hear us.

I. O God the Father, eternal
fountain of all being,

Thou who hast chosen us in thy
Son, before the creation of the
world,

Thou, who didst so love the world,
as to give thine only Son to re-
deem it,

Thou, who hast prepared for us a
glorious inheritance if we love
thee, and keep thy command-
ments,

Have mercy on us.

II. O God the Son, eternal Word
of the Father,

Thou, who to save us sinners, tookest
upon thee the frail nature of man,

Thou, who for our redemption be-
camest obedient to death, even
to the death of the cross,

Thou, who at the last and dreadful
day, wilt come with glory to jud-
ge the living and the dead,

III. O God the Holy Ghost proceed-
ing from the Father and the Son,

Thou, by whom was wrought the
glorious mystery of our Saviour's
incarnation,

Thou, who art the free dispenser
of all graces, and our faithful
comforter in all afflictions ;

O sacred Trinity, three persons and
one God, of equal glory and co-
eternal majesty,

O sacred Trinity, of whom, by whom,
and in whom are all things,

O sacred Trinity, to whom all the
angels and saints of heaven con-
tinually sing Holy, Holy, Holy,

Have mercy on us.

Blessed for ever be thy name, eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for the immensity of thy power, which at first created all things of nothing, and still preserveth them that they return not again to nothing;

For the riches of thy bounty, which filleth every thing, according to its capacity; and for the wisdom of thy counsels, which sweetly dispose, and irresistibly govern the whole frame of the world;

For thy provident forewarning us against the danger of sin, by threatening hell to our offences; and for thy gracious inviting us to our happiness, by promising heaven as a reward to our obedience;

And blessed be thou, O Jesus the Son of God, and Saviour of mankind, for thine infinite glory in itself, and thine infinite love towards us;

For thy meek subjection to thy parents; for thy fasting and retirement; for thy miraculous and beneficent works;

My soul doth magnify thee, O Lord.

for all thy sufferings and ignominious death;
For thy glorious resurrection from the grave, and triumphant ascension into heaven; for sending the Holy Ghost to abide with thy Church for ever, and promising to be with us thyself to the end of the world;
And blessed be thou, O God the Holy Ghost, who proceedest from the Father and the Son, for thy continual preservation of the Church in truth, unity, and holiness; for infusing the love of God into our hearts, and comforting us in all our temporal distresses with the hope of eternal happiness;
And blessed be thou, O Lord, among thine innumerable benefits, for thy One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church; for the steadiness of faith and peace of conscience, which we experience by relying on her authority; for the adorable sacrifice of the altar, and the plentiful means of salvation which we so happily enjoy, by embracing her communion;

My soul doth magnify thee, O Lord.

For the particular benefits bestowed
upon us, and the many dangers
from which thou hast defended us;
for our education, health, condition,
and state of life; for our daily
bread, and all thine other temporal
blessings;

For the checks of our own conscience
and the motions of the Holy Spirit;
for thy patience in expecting our
repentance, and for the opportu-
nities which thou offerest us of
amending our lives;

For our frequent deliverance from the
occasions of sin, and for all thine
other spiritual blessings;

My soul doth magnify thee, O Lord.

My soul doth magnify thee, O Lord,
and my spirit rejoiceth in God my
Saviour.

O Lamb of God, who takest away the
sins of the world:

Spare us, O Lord.

O Lamb of God, who takest away the
sins of the world:

Hear us, O Lord.

O Lamb of God, who takest away the
sins of the world:

Have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, hear us.

Holy Trinity, graciously hear us.

Our Father, &c.

Be thou exalted, O God, above the
clouds; and thy glory above the heavens.
Whilst we live, we will sanctify thy
name; we will sing praises to our God,
whilst we have any being.

O Lord hear my prayer, and let my
cry come to thee.

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, from
whom descendeth every good and perfect
gift, graciously accept this humble tri-
bute of praise and thanksgiving from us
thy servants, and mercifully grant, that
the frequent meditation on thine infinite
goodness may force our will to love thee
above all things, and the serious con-
sideration of thine incomprehensible

majesty captivate our understanding to the obedience of faith, that we may here, in reverence to thy word, believe what we do not see, and hereafter in the blissfull vision of thy glory see more than we now believe; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER TO THE ADORABLE TRINITY.

O blessed Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! The source and fountain of all good! I most firmly believe in thee, I most humbly adore thee, and thank thee with a grateful heart, for all the blessings and benefits I have received from thy infinite goodness! I most fervently consecrate and offer to thee an unreserved sacrifice of my whole being. O my God, who hast a right to every day, hour, and moment of my existence, accept the thoughts, words, and actions of my whole life, which I offer thee in testimony of my sincere desire to satisfy my obligation of keeping it holy; mercifully assist me to spend it in such a manner as may draw down

thy blessing on the remainder of my days. Increase in my soul the heavenly virtues of faith, hope, and charity, which I received at baptism, and teach me to make faith the rule of my conduct, that thereby it may avail me to life everlasting. Eternal Father, take possession of my memory; efface from it all images of vanity, and engrave therein the recollection of thy adorable presence. Eternal Son! enlighten my understanding, and conduct me in the path of salvation by light of faith. Holy Spirit, sanctify my will by the most ardent love; render it submissive under the contradictions of this life, and never permit that by attachment to my own ideas or judgment, I should forfeit the blessings of peace offered to men of good-will and obedient minds. Holy, adorable, undivided Trinity, by whose power, mercy and providence I was created, redeemed, regenerated, and preserved to this moment, receive the oblation of my whole being, and take me out of the world rather than permit me to efface thy sacred image in my soul by mortal sin. I adore thee, O

Holy Trinity, I worship thee, I most humbly give thee thanks for having revealed to man this glorious, this incomprehensible mystery, and for granting to those who persevere until death in the faithfull profession of it, the reward of beholding and enjoying in heaven, what we now believe, and adore upon earth, one God in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

DEVOTIONS TO OUR BLESSED LADY.

PRAYER OF ST. BERNARD.

Remember, O most holy Virgin Mary, that no one ever had recourse to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy mediation, without obtaining relief.

Confiding, therefore, in thy goodness, behold me a penitent sinner sighing out my sins before thee, beseeching thee to adopt me for thy son, and to take upon thee the care of my eternal salvation.

Despise not, O Mother of Jesus, the petition of thine humble client, but hear and grant my prayer. Amen.

THE MAGNIFICAT

OR

THE SONG OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN
MARY.

My soul doth magnify the Lord: And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Because he hath regarded the humility of his handmaid: for behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. Because he that is mighty hath done great things to me: and holy is his name.

And his mercy is from generation unto generation, to them that fear him.

He hath showed might in his arm:
he hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.

He hath showed mighty ones from their seat: and hath exalted the humble.

He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He hath received Israel, his servant: being mindful of his mercy.

As he spoke to our fathers: to Abraham and to his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Let us pray:

O God, who by the fruitful virginity of blessed Mary hast given to mankind the rewards of eternal salvation: grant, we beseech thee, that we may experience her intercession for us, by whom we deserved to receive the Author of life, our

Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son, who liveth
and reigneth with thee and the Holy
Ghost one God, world without end.
Amen.

ANTHEMS
FOR PARTICULAR PERIODS OF THE YEAR.

I. From the first Sunday of Advent
till the Purification.

Mother of Jesus, heaven's open gate,
Star of the sea, support the falling state
Of mortals; thou whose womb thy Maker
bore,

And yet [strange thing!] a Virgin as before.
Who didst from Gabriel's „Hail“ the news
receive,

Repenting sinners by thy prayer relieve.

V. The angel of the Lord declared
unto Mary.

R. And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Let us pray.

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord,
thy grace into our hearts; that we,

to whom the incarnation of Christ thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may, by his passion and cross, be brought to the glory of his resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

[From the first Vespers of Christmas-day till the Purification is said:]

V. After child-birth thou didst remain a pure virgin.

R. Mother of God, intercede for us.

Let us pray:

O God, who by the fruitful virginity of blessed Mary, hast given to mankind the rewards of eternal salvation: grant, we beseech thee, that we may experience her intercession, by whom we received the Author of Life, our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son. Amen.

II. From the Purification till
Maunday Thursday.

Hail, Mary, Queen of heavenly spheres!
Hail, whom the angelic host reveres!

Hail, fruitful root, hail, sacred gate,
Whence the world's light derives its date.
O glorious maid, with beauty blest,
May joys eternal fill thy breast!
Thus crowned with beauty and with joy,
Thy prayers for us with Christ employ.

V. Vouchsafe, O sacred Virgin, to accept
my praises.

R. Give me strength against thine
enemies.

Let us pray:

Grant us, O merciful God, strength
against our enemies; that we who cele-
brate the memory of the holy Mother of
God, may be enabled to rise again from
our iniquities. Through the same Christ
our Lord. Amen.

III. From holy Saturday till
Trinity-Eve.

Triumph, o Queen of heaven, to see
The sacred infant born of thee,
Return in glory from the tomb,
And with thy prayers prevent our doom.

V. Rejoice, and be glad, O Virgin Mary,
Alleluja.

R. For the Lord is truly risen. Alleluja.

Let us pray:

O God, who hast designed, by the resurrection of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, to fill the world with joy: grant, we beseech thee, that through the Virgin Mary, his Mother, we may receive the joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

IV. From Trinity-Eve till
Advent.

Hail, happy Queen, thou mercy's parent,
hail!

Life, hope, and comfort of this earthly vale.
To thee we, Eva's wretched children, cry,
In sighs and tears, to thee we suppliants fly.
Rise, glorious advocate, exert thy love,
And let our vows those eyes of pity
move.

O sweet, O pious maid! for us obtain,

For us who long have in our exile lain,
To see thy infant Jesus, and with him to
reign.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of
the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Almighty and eternal God, who by
the co-operation of the Holy Ghost, didst
prepare the body and soul of the glorious
Virgin Mother Mary, that she might become
a worthy habitation for thy Son: grant
that, as with joy we celebrate her memo-
ry, so by her pious intercession we may
be delivered from present evils, and
eternal death. Through the same Christ
our Lord. Amen.

THE LITANY OF THE BL. VIRGIN.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ hear us.

Christ graciously hear us.

God, the Father of heaven,
God, the Son, Redeemer of the
world,

God, the Holy Ghost,
Holy Trinity, one God,
Holy Mary,

Holy Mother of God,
Holy Virgin of virgins,
Mother of Christ,

Mother of divine grace,
Mother most pure,
Mother most chaste,

Mother inviolate,
Mother undefiled,

Mother most amiable,
Mother most admirable,
Mother of our Creator,
Mother of our Redeemer,

Virgin most prudent,
Virgin most venerable,

Virgin most renowned,
Virgin most powerful,

Virgin most merciful,
Virgin most faithful,

Mirror of Justice,
Seat of Wisdom,

Cause of our Joy,

Have mercy on
us.

Pray for us.

Spiritual Vessel,
Vessel of honour,
Vessel of singular devotion,
Mystical rose,
Tower of David,
Tower of ivory,
House of gold,
Ark of the covenant,
Gate of heaven,
Morning star,
Health of the weak,
Refuge of sinners,
Comforter of the afflicted,
Help of Christians,
Queen of angels,
Queen of patriarchs,
Queen of prophets,
Queen of apostles,
Queen of martyrs,
Queen of confessors,
Queen of virgins,
Queen of all saints,

Pray for us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the
sins of the world: Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the
sins of the world: Graciously hear us
O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the
sins of the world: Have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.

Anthem. We fly to thy patronage,
O holy Mother of God, despise not our
petitions in our necessities, but deliver
us from all dangers, O ever glorious and
blessed Virgin.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of
the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord,
thy grace into our hearts: that we, to
whom the incarnation of Christ thy Son
was made known, by the message of an
angel, may by his passion and cross be
brought to the glory of his resurrection,
through the same Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE FIFTEEN MYSTERIES OF THE
ROSARY.

THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES.

I. The Annunciation.

Let us contemplate in this mystery how the angel Gabriel saluted our blessed Lady with the title, full of grace, and declared unto her the incarnation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Our Father, &c. once. Hail Mary, &c. ten times.

Let us pray: O holy Mary, queen of virgins, through the most high mystery of the incarnation of thy beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, by which our salvation was so happily begun; obtain for us, through thine intercession, light to be sensible of the greatness of the benefit which he hath bestowed on us, in vouchsafing to make himself our brother, and thee his own beloved mother, our mother also. Amen.

II. The Visitation.

Let us contemplate in this mystery how the blessed Virgin Mary, understanding from the angel that her cousin St. Elizabeth had conceived, went with haste into the mountains of Judea to visit her, and remained with her three months.

Our Father, &c. once. Hail Mary, &c. ten times.

Let us pray: O holy Virgin, most spotless mirror of humility, by that exceeding charity which moved thee to visit thy holy cousin, St. Elizabeth, obtain for us, through thine intercession, that our hearts being visited by thy most holy Son, and freed from all sin, we may praise and give thanks for ever. Amen.

III. The Birth of our Saviour in Bethlehem.

Let us contemplate in this mystery how the blessed Virgin Mary, when the

time of her delivery was come, brought forth our Redeemer Jesus Christ at midnight, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for him in the inn at Bethlehem.

Our Father, &c. once. Hail Mary, &c. ten times.

Let us pray: O most pure Mother of God, through thy virginal and most joyful delivery, whereby thou gavest unto the world thine only Son our Saviour; we beseech thee, obtain for us through thine intercession, the grace to lead such pure and holy lives in this world, that we may become worthy to sing without ceasing, both day and night, the mercies of thy Son, and his benefits to us by thee. Amen.

IV. The Presentation of our blessed Lord in the temple.

Let us contemplate in this mystery, how the blessed Virgin Mary, on the day of her purification, presented the child Jesus in the temple, where holy

Simeon, giving thanks to God with great devotion, received him into his arms.

Our Father, &c. once. Hail Mary, &c. ten times.

Let us pray: O holy Virgin, most admirable mistress and pattern of obedience, who didst present in the temple the Lord of the temple; obtain for us, of thy beloved Son, that with holy Simeon and devout Anna, we may praise and glorify him for ever. Amen.

V. The Finding of the Child Jesus in the temple.

Let us contemplate in this mystery how the blessed Virgin Mary, after having lost, without any fault of hers, her beloved Son in Jerusalem, sought him for the space of three days, and at length found him the third day in the temple, in the midst of the doctors disputing with them, being of the age of twelve years.

Our Father, &c. once. Hail Mary, &c. ten times.

Let us pray: Most blessed Virgin, more than martyr in thy sufferings, and yet the comfort of such as are afflicted; by that unspeakable joy wherewith thy soul was ravished at finding thy beloved Son in the temple, in the midst of the doctors, disputing with them, obtain of him that we may so seek him, and find him in the holy Catholic Church, as to be never separated from him. Amen.

SALVE REGINA.

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope; to thee do we cry, poor banished sons of Eve; to thee do we send our sighs, mourning, and weeping in this vale of tears: turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us, and after this our exile ended, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O most clement, most pious, and most sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

O God, whose only-begotten Son, by his life, death and resurrection, hath purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech thee, that meditating upon these mysteries, in the most holy Rosary of the blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain, and obtain what they promise. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE DOLOROUS MYSTERIES.

I. The prayer and bloody sweat of our blessed Saviour in the garden.

Let us contemplate in this mystery how our Lord Jesus was so afflicted for us in the garden of Gethsemani, that his body was bathed in a bloody sweat, which ran trickling down in great drops upon the ground.

Our Father, &c. once. Hail Mary, &c. ten times.

Let us pray: Most holy Virgin, more than martyr, by that ardent prayer, which thy beloved Son poured forth unto his Father in the garden of Gethsemani, vouchsafe to intercede for us, that our passions being reduced to the obedience of reason, we may always, and in all things, conform and subject ourselves to the will of God. Amen.

II. The Scourging of our blessed Lord at the Pillar.

Let us contemplate in this mystery how our Lord Jesus Christ, being delivered up by Pilate to the fury of the Jews, was most cruelly scourged at a pillar.

Our Father, &c. once. Hail Mary, &c. ten times.

Let us pray: O Mother of God, overflowing fountain of patience, through those stripes which thine only and most beloved Son vouchsafed to suffer for us; obtain of him for us grace, that we may

know how to mortify our rebellious senses, and cut off all occasions of sinning, with that sword of grief and compassion which pierced thy most tender soul. Amen.

III. The Crowning of our blessed Saviour with thorns.

Let us contemplate in this mystery how those cruel ministers of Satan platted a crown of sharp thorns, and most cruelly pressed it on the most sacred head of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Father, &c. once. Hail Mary, &c. ten times.

Let us pray: O Mother of our eternal prince and king of glory, by those sharp thorns, wherewith his most holy head was pierced, we beseech thee that, through thine intercession, we may be delivered from all motions of pride, and, in the day of judgment, from that confusion which our sins deserve. Amen.

IV. Jesus carrying his Cross.

Let us contemplate in this mystery how our Lord Jesus Christ, being sentenced to die, bore, with the most amazing patience, the cross, which was laid upon him for his grater torment and ignominy.

Our Father, &c. once. Hail Mary, &c. ten times.

Let us pray: O holy Virgin, example of patience, by the most painful carrying of the cross in which thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ bore the heavy weight of our sins; obtain for us, of him, through thine intercession, courage and strength to follow his steps and bear our cross after him, unto the end of our lives. Amen.

V. The Crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us contemplate in this mystery how our Lord Jesus Christ, being come

to Mount Calvary, was stripped of his clothes, and his hands and feet most cruelly nailed to the cross in the presence of his most afflicted Mother.

Our Father, &c. once. Hail Mary, &c. ten times.

Let us pray: O holy Mary, Mother of God, as the body of thy beloved Son was for us stretched on the cross, so may our desires be daily more and more extended in his service, and our hearts wounded with compassion for his most bitter passion; and thou, O most blessed Virgin, graciously vouchsafe, by thy powerful intercession, to help us to accomplish the work of our salvation. Amen.

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THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES.

I. The Resurrection.

Let us contemplate in this mystery how our Lord Jesus Christ, triumphing

gloriously over death, rose again the third day, immortal and impassible.

Our Father, &c. once. Hail Mary, &c. ten times.

Let us pray: O glorious Virgin Mary, by that unspeakable joy which thou receivedst in the resurrection of thine only Son, we beseech thee obtain of him, for us, that our hearts may never go astray after the false joys of this world, but may be ever and wholly employed in the pursuit of the only true and solid joys of heaven. Amen.

II. The Ascension of Christ into Heaven.

Let us contemplate in this mystery how our Lord Jesus Christ, forty days after his resurrection, ascended into heaven, attended by angels, in the sight and to the great admiration of his most holy Mother, and his holy apostles and disciples.

Our Father, &c. once. Hail Mary, &c. ten times.

Let us pray: O Mother of God, comfort of the afflicted, as thy beloved Son, when he ascended into heaven, lifted up his hands and blessed his apostles, so vouchsafe, most holy Mother, to lift up thy pure hands to him for us, that we may enjoy the benefits of his blessing, and thine also on earth, and hereafter in heaven. Amen.

III. The descent of the Holy Ghost on the Apostles.

Let us contemplate in this mystery how our Lord Jesus Christ, being seated on the right hand of God, sent, as he had promised, the Holy Ghost upon his apostles, who, after he was ascended, returning to Jerusalem, continued in prayer and supplication with the blessed Virgin Mary, expecting the performance of his promise.

Our Father, &c. once, Hail Mary, &c. ten times.

Let us pray: O sacred Virgin, tabernacle of the Holy Ghost, we beseech

thee, obtain by thine intercession, that this most sweet Comforter, whom thy beloved Son sent down upon his apostles [filling them thereby with spiritual joy] may teach us, in this world, the true way to salvation, and make us walk in the paths of virtue and good works. Amen.

IV. The Assumption of the blessed Virgin Mary into heaven.

Let us contemplate in this mystery how the glorious Virgin, twelve years after the resurrection of her Son, passed out of this world unto him, and was by him assumed into heaven, accompanied by the holy angels.

Our Father, &c. once. Hail Mary, &c. ten times.

Let us pray: O most prudent Virgin, who entering the heavenly palace didst fill the holy angels with joy, and man with hope, vouchsafe to intercede for us at the hour of our death, that being delivered from the illusions and temptations

of the devil, we may joyfully and securely pass out of this temporal state, to enjoy the happiness of eternal life. Amen.

V. The Coronation of the most blessed Virgin Mary in heaven.

Let us contemplate in this mystery how the glorious Virgin Mary was to the great jubilee and exultation of the whole court of heaven, and particular glory of all the saints, crowned by her Son with the brightest diadem of glory.

Our Father, &c. once. Hail Mary, &c. ten times.

Let us pray: O glorious Queen of all the heavenly citizens, we beseech thee, accept this Rosary, which as a crown of roses we offer at thy feet; and grant, most gracious Lady, that, by thine intercession, our souls may be inflamed with so ardent a desire of seeing thee so gloriously crowned, that it may never die in us, until it shall be changed into the happy fruition of thy blessed sight. Amen.

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PRAYER TO OUR BL. LADY.

O ever-glorious Virgin Mary! most perfect and amiable of all creatures! I humbly cast myself to thy feet, and beseech thee to accept the sincere protestations of respect and veneration, which I now fervently present to thee. I reverence thee, O sacred Virgin! as the mother of my Redeemer, and I fervently offer thee all the homage which is due to thee in that august quality.

I confide in thee, I love thee as the merciful advocate and tender mother of all Christians; most earnestly desiring that I could collect in my heart alone, all the tender and respectful sentiments which ever animated thy most devoted servants. But to supply for my deficiencies I offer thee the filial tenderness with which Jesus Christ loved thee, and the respect and obedience with which, as thy dear Son, he deigned to honour

thee. O mother of mercy! who wert never known to reject any one that had recourse to thee, receive me as thy child, for the sake of Him who confided me to thy care in his agony on the cross. Permit me to choose thee for my glorious patroness, my dear mother, and the object, next to God, of my respect, gratitude, and love. Ah! do not refuse to receive me under thy maternal care, and to grant me a place in thy amiable heart. Let me have the honour and happiness of being ranked among thy most devoted children; that by loving and serving thee, I may learn to serve and love God perfectly; and by endeavouring to imitate thee, I may imitate Jesus Christ, whose most perfect image thou art. Accept then the oblation I now make to thee of my heart, that thou mayest present it to Jesus Christ, in union with the early sacrifice thou didst make of thy pure heart in the temple. O mercifully deign, most powerful Virgin, to obtain for me grace to make an early and perfect sacrifice of my heart and whole being to Him, for whose love and

service alone I was created. Teach me, by thy early flight from the world, to dread and despise the world, and to profit of the advantage of my present situation, that thereby I may be prepared to meet the temptations and dangers to which I may be exposed. Obtain for me an abundant share in the heavenly dispositions of thy holy heart, and beseech thy dear Son to impart to me, in particular, a lively horror of sin, purity of heart and mind, devotion towards thee, a love of retirement, fidelity in discharging the duties of my state, an ardent love for God, and that spirit of angelic modesty, which always distinguished thee, and marked thee out even exteriorly as the temple of the divinity. To obtain this great graces, and in thanksgiving for the favours bestowed on thee, my blessed model, I fervently offer the thoughts, words, actions, and various duties of this day. I conjure thee, by the maternal tenderness with which thou didst guard the sacred infancy of thy divine Son, to watch over me every moment of my life; to be a

mother, a refuge, and a guide to me in all the difficulties, temptations, and dangers I may hereafter be exposed to, and when the dreadful hour of my death comes, O holy Mary, mother of God, pray for me, support me, defend me, and plead for me so powerfully with God, that I may die in the friendship of my Creator, and reap for all eternity the happy fruits of having been sincerely devoted to thee. Amen.

O clement, O pious, O sweet Virgin Mary! pray for me now, and at the hour of my death!

THE ANGELUS DOMINI.

1) The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary, and she conceived of the Holy Ghost. Hail, Mary, &c.

2) Behold the Handmaid of the Lord; may it be done unto me according to thy word. Hail, Mary, &c.

3) And the Word was made Flesh, and dwelt amongst us. Hail, Mary, &c.

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may, by his passion and cross, be brought to the glory of his resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR TIME IN SICKNESS.

Lord Jesus Christ, behold I receive this sickness, with which thou art pleased to visit me, as coming from thy fatherly hand. It is thy will, it should be thus with me, and therefore I submit: thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. May this sickness be to the honour of thy holy name, and for the good of my soul. For this end, I here offer myself with an entire submission to all thine appointments, to suffer whatever thou pleasest, and in what manner thou pleasest; for I am thy creature, O Lord,

who have most ungratefully offended thee; and since my sins have a long time cried aloud to heaven for justice, why should I now complain if I feel thy hand upon me? No, my God, thou art just in all thy ways; I have truly deserved thy punishment, and therefore I have no reason to complain of thee, but only of my own wickedness. But rebuke me not, O Lord, in thy fury, nor chastise me in thy wrath, but have regard to my weakness. Thou knowest how frail I am; that I am nothing but dust and ashes; deal not with me, therefore, according to my sins, neither punish me according to mine iniquities: but, according to the multitude of thy most tender mercies, have compassion on me. Oh! let thy justice be tempered with mercy, and let thy heavenly grace come to my assistance, to support me under this my illness. Confirm my soul with strength from above, that I may bear with a true Christian patience all the uneasiness, pains, disquiets, and difficulties of my sickness, and that I may cheerfully accept them as the just punish-

ment of my offences. Preserve me from all temptations, and be thou my defence against all the assaults of the enemy, that in this illness I may in no way offend thee; and if this is to be my last, I beg of thee so to direct me by thy grace, that I may in no way neglect or be deprived of those helps which thou hast, in thy mercy, ordained for the good of my soul, to prepare it for its happy passage into eternity; that, being perfectly cleansed from all my sins, I may believe in thee, put my whole trust in thee, love thee above all things, and through the merits of thy death and passion, be admitted into the company of the blessed, where I may praise thee for ever. Amen.

A SHORT EXERCISE IN PREPARATION FOR
DEATH,

which may be used every day.

My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready; not my will, but thine be done. I resign myself entirely to thee, O Lord, to receive death at the time, and in the manner, it shall please thee to send it.

I most humbly ask pardon for all the sins I have committed against thy sovereign goodness, and repent of them all from the bottom of my heart.

I firmly believe whatsoever the holy Catholic Church believes and teaches; and by thy grace I will die in this belief.

I hope to possess eternal life through thy infinite mercy, and the merits of my Saviour Jesus Christ.

O my God, my sovereign good, I desire to love thee above all things, and to despise this miserable world. I desire to love my neighbour as myself for the love of thee, and from my heart to forgive all injuries.

O my divine Jesus, how great is my desire to receive thy sacred body! Come now into my soul, at least by a spiritual communion.

Grant that I may worthily receive thee before my death. I desire to unite my communion to all the worthy communions which shall be made in thy holy Church, even to the end of the world.

Grant me the grace, O my divine Saviour, perfectly to efface all the sins I have committed by any of my senses, by applying daily to my soul thy blessed merits, the holy unction of thy precious blood.

Holy Virgin, mother of God, defend me from my enemies in my last hour, and present me to thy divine Son. Glorious St. Michael, prince of the heavenly host, my angel guardian, and blessed patrons, intercede for me, and assist me in this my last and dreadful passage.

O my God, I renounce all temptations of the enemy, and in general whatsoever may displease thee. I adore and accept thy divine appointments with regard to my soul, and entirely abandon myself to them as most just and equitable.

O Jesus, my divine Redeemer, be to me a Saviour! Save me, O my God, hiding myself with an humble confidence in thy dear wounds. I deliver my soul into thy divine hands; receive it into the bosom of divine mercy. Amen.

THE RECOMMENDATION OF A SOUL THAT IS
JUST DEPARTING.

Go forth, O Christian soul, from this world, in the name of God the Father Almighty, who created thee; in the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, who suffered for thee; in the name of the Holy Ghost who sanctified thee; in the name of the angels and archangels; in the name of the thrones and dominations; in the name of the principalities and powers; in the name of the cherubim and seraphim; in the name of the patriarchs and prophets; in the name of the holy apostles and evangelists; in the name of the holy martyrs and confessors; in the name of the holy monks and hermits; in the name of the holy virgins and of all the saints of God: may thy place be this day in peace, and thine abode in holy Sion. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God most merciful, O God most clement, O God, who, according to the multitude of thy mercies, blottest out the sins of the penitent, and graciously

remittest the guilt of their past offences; mercifully regard this thy servant, N. and vouchsafe to hear him [her], who with the whole confession of his [her] heart, begs for the remission of all his [her] sins. Renew, O most merciful Father, whatever hath been corrupted in him [her] through human frailty, or violated through the deceit of the enemy; and associate him [her] as a member of redemption to the unity of the body of the Church. Have compassion, Lord, on his [her] sighs; have compassion on his [her] tears; and admit him [her] who hath no hope but in thy mercy, to the sacrament of thy reconciliation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We commend to thee, O Lord, the soul of thy servant, N. and we beseech thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world, that thou wouldst not refuse to admit into the bosom of thy patriarchs a soul for which, in thy mercy, thou wast pleased to come down upon earth. Own him [her] for thy creature, not made by strange gods, but by thee the only living and true God: for there is

no other God besides thee, and none that can equal thy works. Let his [her] soul rejoice in thy presence, and remember not his [her] former iniquities and excesses, the unhappy effects of passion or evil concupiscence; for although he [she] hath sinned, yet he [she] hath not renounced the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; but hath believed, and had a zeal for God, and faithfully worshipped him who made all things.

Remember not, O Lord, we beseech thee, the sins of his [her] youth, and his [her] ignorances, but according to thy great mercy be mindful of him [her], and let him [her] rejoice with thy angels. Receive, O Lord, thy servant into thy kingdom. Let St. Michael, the archangel of God, who is the chief of the heavenly host, conduct him [her]. Let the holy angels of God come to meet him [her], and carry him [her] to the city of the heavenly Jerusalem. May St. Peter, the apostle to whom God gave the keys of the kingdom of heaven, receive him [her]. May St. Paul, the apostle who was a vessel of election,

assist him [her]. May St. John, the chosen apostle of God, to whom were revealed the secrets of heaven, intercede for him [her]. May all the holy apostles, to whom our Lord gave the power of binding and loosing, pray for him [her]. May all the saints and elects of God, who in this world have suffered torments for the name of Christ, intercede for him [her], that being delivered from the bonds of the flesh, he [she] may be admitted into the glory of the kingdom of heaven, by the bounty of our Lord Jesus Christ, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. Amen.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who by the mouth of thy holy prophet hast said, I have loved thee with an everlasting love, therefore have I drawn thee to myself, taking pity on thee: by that divine love which brought thee down from heaven to suffer all the torments of thy passion for our redemption, we humbly beseech thee to represent and offer to thy eternal Father that same love, in behalf of the soul of this thy servant N. and de-

liver him [her] from all the sufferings and pains which he [she] fears he [she] has deserved for his [her] sins: and save his [her] soul in this hour of its departure out of the body. Open to him [her] the gates of life, introduce him [her] into thy heavenly Paradise, and make him [her] rejoice with thy saints; that he [she] may live with thee in the bond of eternal love, and may be inseparably united to thy saints and to thee, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest God, world without end. Amen.

THE SOUL BEING DEPARTED, THE FOLLOWING RESPONSORY IS TO BE SAID.

Come to his [her] assistance, all ye saints of God, meet him [her], all ye angels of God: receive his [her] soul and present it now before its Lord. May Jesus Christ receive thee, and the angels conduct thee to thy place of rest. May the angels of God receive his [her] soul, and present it now before its Lord.

V. Eternal rest give to him [her], O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon him [her].

R. May the angels of God present him [her] now before his [her] Lord.

V. Lord, have mercy on him [her].

R. Christ, have mercy on him [her].

V. Lord, have mercy on him [her].

Our Father, &c.

V. And lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil. Amen.

V. Eternal rest give to him [her], O Lord.

R. And let perpetual light shine upon him [her].

V. From the gates of hell.

R. Deliver his [her] soul, O Lord.

V. May he [she] rest in peace.

R. Amen.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come to thee.

Let us pray.

To thee, O Lord, we recommend the

soul of thy servant N. that being dead

to this world he [she] may live to thee, and whatever sins he [she] hath committed in this life through human frailty, do thou in thy most merciful goodness pardon: through our Lord Jesus Christ, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE DEAD IN PURGATORY.

O God of all holiness, infinitely pure and adorable Being! how great must be thy horror of the least stain of sin, since thou punishest so rigorously in the flames of purgatory the venial faults of those whom thou so tenderly lovest. Ah! mercifully enlighten my understanding, that the torments thou inflictest on the least offence in the other world, may teach me the enormity of sin, and penetrate my heart with compassion for those souls who are now enduring inexpressible pains, for such failings as, perhaps, I too often look on as trivial. My God, though thy justice banishes them from that kingdom, where nothing de-

filed can enter, yet, surely, thy mercy has not forgotten them; no, thou art too good, too compassionate to abandon the work of thy own hands. Though the season for merit and repentance is now past for them, yet thou hast left them a resource in the prayers of thy servants on earth. Despise not, then, O Lord, the supplication which I, thy unworthy child, now make for those who can no longer implore thy mercy for themselves. Remember, O infinite Goodness, that they are all the work of thy hands, redeemed by the precious blood of thy only Son: consider that they are the objects of thy infinite love, who burn with the most ardent desire to be united to thee. Have mercy on them, then, O infinite mercy! and for thy own sake stretch forth to their relief those sacred hands by which they were formed; apply to them once more the merits of that adorable blood by which they were redeemed. I most humbly offer up, to implore this favour, the adorable sacrifice of the Mass, at which I shall assist this day, or to morrow, all the Masses which will be

celebrated throughout the world, together with the adorable actions, prayers, and infinite merits of Jesus Christ while on earth; to which I most humbly add all my thoughts, words, actions, prayers, and sufferings, during this day. Mercifully accept this oblation, O Lord, on behalf of all who now suffer in purgatory, particularly those for whom thou desirest I should pray — those who are most dear to me — those to whose sufferings I may have been in any respect accessory — those who are most forgotten by others, and who have no one to pray for them. Give them all speedy repose and eternal rest, O merciful Father of all mankind! and give me the grace I stand in need of, for spending the time in such a manner as may, through thy infinite goodness, tend to the great object I dare to have in view, which is the repose of thy dear and suffering children.

Give them, O Lord, eternal rest, and let perpetual light shine unto them. Amen.

A PRAYER

proper for the time of jubilees, or other indulgences.

O eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Creator of all things, visible and invisible, Source of all our good; infinitely good in thyself, and infinitely gracious, bountiful, and good to us; behold we, thy poor servants, the work of thy hands, redeemed by the blood of thine only Son, come in answer to his summons by his vicegerent, to present ourselves as humble petitioners before the throne of thy mercy. We come in communion with all thy church in heaven, hoping to be assisted by their prayers and merits; and with Jesus Christ at our head, our High-Priest and Mediator, in whose precious blood we put all our trust. We prostrate ourselves here before thee, and most humbly beseech thee to sanctify thy own most holy name, by sanctifying and exalting thy holy Catholic Church throughout the whole world. O eternal King, who hast sent thine only Son down from thy throne above into this earth of ours, to

establish a kingdom here amongst us, from whence we might hereafter be translated to thine eternal kingdom; look down, we beseech thee, upon this kingdom of thy Son, and propagate it through all nations, and through all hearts. Sanctify it in all truth; maintain it in peace, unity, and holiness. Give to it saints for its rulers, its chief pastor, and all its other prelates; enlighten them with all heavenly wisdom, make them all men according to thine own heart. Give thy grace and blessing to all the clergy; and send amongst them that heavenly fire, which thy Son came to cast on the earth, and which he so earnestly desired should be enkindled. Assist and protect all apostolic Missionaries, that they may zealously and effectually promote thy glory, and the salvation of souls redeemed by the blood of thy Son. Sanctify all religious men and women of all orders; give them the grace to serve thee with all perfection, according to the spirit of their institute, and to shine like lights to the rest of the faithful.

Have mercy on all Christian princes; grant them those lights and graces that are necessary for the perfect discharge of their duty to thee, and to their subjects; that they may be true servants to thee, the King of kings, true fathers to their people, and nursing fathers to thy Church. Have mercy on all magistrates and men in power; that they may all fear thee, love thee, and serve thee; and ever remember, that they are thy deputies, and ministers of thy justice. Have mercy on all thy people throughout the world, and give thy blessing to thine inheritance; remember thy congregation, which thou hast possessed from the beginning; and give that grace to all thy children here upon earth, that they may do thy holy will in all things, even as the blessed do in heaven.

Extend thy mercy also to all poor infidels, who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death: to all those nations that know not thee, and that have not yet received the faith and law of thy Son their Saviour; to all Pagans, Mahometans, and Jews. Remember, O Lord,

that all these poor souls are made after thine own image and likeness, and redeemed by the blood of thy Son. Oh! let not Satan any longer exercise his tyranny over these thy creatures, to the great dishonour of thy name. Let not the precious blood of thy Son be shed for them in vain. Send among them zealous preachers and apostolic labourers, endued with the like graces and gifts as thine apostles were, and bless them with the like success, for the glory of thy name: that all these poor souls may be brought to know thee, love thee, and serve thee, here in thy church, and bless thee hereafter for all eternity.

Look down also with an eye of pity and compassion on all those deluded souls, who under the name of Christians, have gone away from the paths of truth and unity, and from the one fold of the one Shepherd, thine only Son Jesus Christ, into the by-paths of error and schism. Oh! bring them back to thee and to thy church. Dispel their darkness by thy heavenly light, take off the veil from before their eyes, with which the

common enemy hath blindfolded them : let them see how they have been misled by misapprehensions and misrepresentations. Remove the prejudices of their education ; take away from them the spirit of obstinacy, pride, and self-conceit. Give them an humble and a docile heart. Give them a strong desire of finding out thy truth, and a strong grace to enable them to embrace it, in spite of all the opposition of the world, the flesh, and the devil. For why should these poor souls perish, for which Christ died ? Why should Satan any longer possess these souls, which by their baptism were dedicated to thee, to be thine eternal temple.

O Father of lights, and God of all truth, purge the whole world from all errors, abuses, corruptions, and vices. Beat down the standart of Satan, and set up everywhere the standard of Christ. Abolish the reign of sin, and establish the kingdom of grace in all hearts. Let humility triumph over pride and ambition ; charity over hatred, envy, and malice ; purity and temperance over lust and ex-

cess; meekness over passion; and disinterestedness and poverty of spirit over covetousness and love of this perishable world. Let the gospel of Jesus Christ, both in its belief and practice, prevail throughout all the universe.

Grant to us thy peace, O Lord, in the days of our mortality, even that peace which thy Son bequeathed as a legacy to his disciples: a perpetual peace with thee, a perpetual peace with one another, and a perpetual peace within themselves. Grant that all Christian princes and states may love, cherish, and maintain an inviolable peace among themselves. Give them a right sense of the dreadful evils that attend on wars. Give them an everlasting horror of all that bloodshed, of the devastation and ruin of so many territories, of the innumerable sacrileges, and the eternal loss of so many thousand souls, which are the dismal consequences of war. Turn their hearts to another kind of warfare, teach them to fight for a heavenly kingdom.

Remove, O Lord, thy wrath, which we have reason to apprehend actually hanging

over our heads for our sins. Deliver all Christian people from the dreadful evil of mortal sin; make all sinners sensible of their misery; give them the grace of a sincere conversion to thee, and a truly penitential spirit, and discharge them from all their bonds. Preserve all Christendom, and in particular this nation, from all the evils that threaten impenitent sinners, such as plagues, famines, earthquakes, fires, inundations, mortality of cattle, sudden and unprovided death, and thy many other judgments here, and eternal damnation hereafter. Comfort all that are under any affliction, sickness, or violence of pain; support all that are at variance; deliver all that are under temptation; reconcile all that are in slavery or captivity; defend all that are in danger; grant a relief to all in their respective necessities; give a happy passage to all that are in their agony. Grant thy blessing to our friends and benefactors, and to all those for whom we are particularly bound to pray; and have mercy on all our enemies. Give eternal rest to all the faithful departed;

and bring us all to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ thy Son. Amen!

HYMNS.

ADVENT.

Hark! an awful voice is sounding;
„Christ is nigh!“ it seems to say,
„Cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day!“

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Startled at the solemn warning,
Let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ her son, all sloth dispelling,
Shines upon the morning skies.

*

Lo! the Lamb so long expected,
Comes with pardon down from heav'n;
Let us haste with tears of sorrow,
One and all to be forgiven.

*

So, when next He comes with glory,
Wrapping all the earth in fear,
May He then as our Defender
On the clouds of heav'n appear.

Honour, glory, virtue, merit
To the Father and the Son,
With the everlasting Spirit,
While eternal ages run.

CHRISTMAS.

Ye faithful, approach ye,
Joyfully triumphing.
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem;
Come, and behold ye
Born the King of angels:
O come, let us worship,
O come, let us worship,
O come, let us worship Christ the Lord.

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God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo, He disdains not the Virgin's womb:
Very God,
Begotten, not created:
O come, let us worship,
O come, let us worship,
O come, let us worship Christ the Lord.

Sing, quires angelic,
To sing exulting;
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above,
Glory to God
In the highest!
O come, let us worship,
O come, let us worship,
O come, let us worship Christ the Lord.

*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n;
Word of the Father
In our flesh appearing:
O come, let us worship,
O come, let us worship,
O come, let us worship Christ the Lord.

EPIPHANY.

None of all the noblest cities,
Bethlem, can with thee compare;
Thou alone the Lord from heaven
Didst for us incarnate bear.
Fairer than the beam of morning

Was the star that told his birth,
To the lands their God anouncing,
Hid beneath a form of earth.
By its ray divinely guided,
See the Eastern kings appear;
See them bend their gifts to offer, —
Gifts of incense, gold, and myrrh.
Sacred types of mystic meaning:
Incense doth the God disclose,
Gold a royal child proclaimeth,
Myrrh a future tomb foreshows.
Holy Jesus, in thy brightness,
To the Gentile world reveal'd,
Still to babes thyself disclosing,
Ever from the proud conceal'd.
Honour, glory, virtue, merit,
Be to Thee, o Virgin's Son,
With the Father and the Spirit,
While eternal ages run.

LENT.

Thou loving Maker of mankind,
Before thy throne we pray and weep;
O strengthen us with grace divine,
Duly this sacred fast to keep.

Searcher of hearts ! Thou dost perceive
Our ills, and all our weakness know.
Again to thee with tears we turn ;
Again to us thy mercy show.

*

Much have we sinn'd ; but we confess
Our guilt, and all our faults deplore :
Oh, for the praise of thy great name,
Our fainting souls to health restore.

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And grant us, while by fasts we strive
This mortal body to control,
To fast from all the food of sin,
And so to purify the soul.

*

Hear us, O Trinity thrice blest !
Sole Unity ! to thee we cry :
Vouchsafe us from these fasts below
To reap immortal fruit on high.

THE PASSION.

Forth comes the standard of the King !
All hail, thou Mystery ador'd !
Hail, Cross ! on which the Life himself
Died, and by death our life restor'd.

On which our Saviour's holy side,
Rent open with a cruel spear,
Of blood and water pour'd a stream,
To wash us from defilement clear.

*

Hail Cross! thou only hope of man,
Hail on this holy Passion-day!
To saints increase the grace they have;
From sinners purge their guilt away.

*

Salvation's spring, blest Trinity,
Be praise to thee through earth and
skies;

But through the Cross the victory
Dost give, — Oh, also give the price.

STABAT MATER.

At the Cross her station keeping,
Stood the mournful Mother weeping,
Close to Jesus to the last:
Through her heart his sorrow sharing,
All his bitter anguish bearing,
Lo, the piercing sword hath passed.

O, how sad and sore distressed,
Now was she, that Mother blessed
Of the sole-begotten One.

Woe begone, with heart's prostration,
Mother meek, the bitter passion
Saw she of her glorious Son.

*

Who could mark, from tears refraining,
Christ's dear Mother uncomplaining,
In so great a sorrow bow'd?

Who, unmov'd, behold her languish
Underneath his Cross of anguish,
'Mid the fierce unpitying crowd?

*

In his people's sins rejected,
She her Jesus, unprotected,
Saw with thorns, with scourges rent;
Saw her Son from judgment taken,
Her belov'd in death forsaken,
Till his spirit forth he sent.

*

Fount of love and holy sorrow,
Mother, may my spirit borrow
Somewhat of thy woe profound;
Unto Christ, with pure emotion,

Raise my contrite heart's devotion, —
Love to read in every wound.

*
Those five wounds of Jesu smitten,
Mother! in my heart be written,
Deep as in thine own they be:
Thou, my Saviour's Cross who bearest,
Thou, thy Son's rebuke who sharest,
Let me share them both with thee.

*
In the Passion of my Maker
Be my sinful soul partaker,
Weep till death, and weep with thee:
Mine with thee be that sad station,
There to watch the great salvation
Wrought upon th'atoning Tree.

*
When in death my limbs are failing,
Let thy Mother's prayer prevailing
Lift me, Jesus, to thy throne:
To my parting soul be given
Entrance through the gate of heaven;
There confess me for thine own.

EASTER.

Christ the Lord is ris'n to-day:
Christians, haste your vows to pay;
Offer ye your praises meet
At the Paschal Victim's feet.
For the sheep the Lamb hath bled,
Sinless in the sinner's stead;
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high,
Now He lives no more to die.

*

Christ, the victim undefil'd,
Man to God hath reconcil'd;
Whilst in strange and awful strife
Met together Death and Life.
Christians, on this happy day
Haste with joy your vows to pay;
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high,
Now He lives no more to die.

*

Say, O wond'ring Mary, say,
What thou sawest in thy way?
„I beheld, where Christ had lain,
Empty tomb and angels twain;
I beheld the glory bright
Of the rising Lord of light:

Christ my hope is ris'n again,
Now He lives, and lives to reign."

*

Christ who once for sinners bled,
Now the firstborn from the dead,
Thron'd in endless might and power,
Lives and reigns for evermore.
Hail, eternal hope on high!
Hail, thou King of victory!
Hail, thou Prince of life ador'd!
Help and save us, gracious Lord!

ASCENSION.

O thou pure light of souls that love,
True joy of every human breast,
Sower of life's immortal seed,
Our Maker, and Redeemer blest!

*

What wondrous pity Thee o'ercame
To make our guilty load thine own,
And sinless, suffer death and shame,
For our transgressions to atone!

*

Thou, bursting Hades open wide,
Didst all the captive souls unchain,

And thence to thy dread Father's side
With glorious pomp ascend again.

*

Jesus! may pity Thee compel
To heal the wounds of which we die;
And take us in thy light to dwell,
Who for thy blissful presence sigh.

PENTECOST.

Come, O Creator Spirit blest!
And in our souls take up thy rest;
Come, with thy grace and heav'nly aid,
To fill the hearts which thou hast made.

*

Great Paraclete! to thee we cry;
O highest gift of God most high!
O fount of life! O fire of love!
And sweet Anointing from above!

*

Thou in thy sevenfold gifts art known;
The Finger of God's hand we own;
The promise of the Father Thou!
Who dost the tongue with pow'r endow.

Kindle our senses from above,
And make our hearts o'erflow with love;
With patience firm, and virtue high,
The weakness of our flesh supply.

*

Far from us drive the foe we dread,
And grant us thy true peace instead;
So shall we not, with Thee for guide,
Turn from the path of life aside.

*

O, may thy grace on us bestow,
The Father and the Son to know,
And Thee through endless times confess'd
Of both th'eternal Spirit blest.

*

All glory while the ages run
Be to the Father, and the Son
Who rose from death; the same to thee,
O Holy Ghost eternally.

THE HOLY TRINITY.

Father! in majesty enthron'd!
Thee we confess with thy dear Son;
Thee, Holy Ghost, eternal Bond
Of love, — uniting Both in One.

As from the Father increate,
His Son and Word eternal came;
Thou, too, from Each the Paraclete
Proceed'dst, in Deity the same.

*

Three Persons! — among whom is none
Greater in majesty, or less;
In substance, essence, nature, One;
Equal in might and holiness.

*

O Lord, most holy, wise, and just!
Author of nature! God of grace!
Grant that as now in Thee we trust,
So we may see Thee face to face.

*

Thou solely didst the worlds create,
Subsisting still by thy decree;
Thou art the light, the glory great,
And prize of all who hope in Thee.

*

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
One only Lord of earth and heaven!
From earth and from the heavenly host
Be everlasting glory given!

CORPUS CHRISTI.

The Word, descending from above,
Though with the Father still on high,
Went forth upon his work of love,
And soon to life's last eve drew nigh.

*

He shortly to a death accurs'd
By a disciple shall be given;
But to his twelve disciples first
He gives Himself, the Bread from heaven.

*

Himself in either kind He gave, —
He gave his Flesh, He gave his Blood;
Of flesh and blood all men are made,
And He of man would be the Food.

*

At birth, our brother He became;
At board, Himself as food He gives;
To ransom us, He died in shame;
As our reward, in bliss He lives.

SACRED HEART OF JESUS.

Jesu, Creator of the world!
Of all mankind Redeemer blest!

True God of God! in whom is seen
The Father's Image clear express'd!

*

That selfsame love which made the sky,
Which made the sea, and stars, and
earth,

Took pity on our sinful state,
And broke the bondage of our birth.

*

For this thy Sacred Heart was pierc'd,
And both with blood and water ran;
To cleanse us from the stains of guilt,
And be the hope and strength of man.

*

To God the Father, and the Son,
All praise, and power, and glory be;
With Thee, O Holy Paraclete,
Henceforth through all eternity.

THE PRECIOUS BLOOD.

Glory be to Jesus,
Who in bitter pains
Pour'd for me the life-blood
From His sacred veins!

Grace and life eternal
In that Blood I find ;
Blest be His compassion,
Infinitely kind!

*
Blest through endless ages
Be the precious stream,
Which from endless torment
Doth the world redeem!

*
Abel's blood for vengeance
Pleaded to the skies ;
But the Blood of Jesus
For our pardon cries.

*
Oft as earth exulting
Wafts its praise on high :
Hell with terror trembles,
Heav'n is fill'd with joy.

THE PRECIOUS BLOOD.
*

Lift ye, then, your voices ;
Swell the mighty flood ;
Louder still and louder
Praise the precious Blood.

ALL SAINTS.

Jerusalem, thou City blest!
Dear vision of celestial rest!
Which far above the starry sky,
Pil'd up with living stones on high,
Art, as a bride, encircled bright,
With million angel forms of light.

*

Thy gates a pearly lustre pour;
Thy gates are open evermore;
And thither evermore draw nigh
All who for Christ have dar'd to die;
Or, smit with love of their dear Lord,
Have pains endur'd and joys abhorr'd.

*

That house on high, — it ever rings
With praises of the King of kings;
For ever there, on harps divine,
They hymn th'eternal One and Trine;
We, here below, the strain prolong,
And faintly echo Sion's song.

*

O Lord of lords invisible!
With thy pure light this temple fill:
Hither, oft as invok'd, descend;

Here to thy people's prayer attend;
Here, through all hearts, for evermore
Thy Spirit's quick'ning graces pour.

*

Here may the faithful, day by day,
In kneeling adoration pray,
And here receive from thy dear love
The blessings of that home above,
Till, loosen'd from this mortal chain,
Its everlasting joys they gain.

*

To God the Father, glory due
Be paid by all the heavenly host;
And to his only Son most true,
With Thee, O mighty Holy Ghost:
To whom praise, pow'r, and blessing be
Through ages of eternity.

PRAYER OF ST. IGNATIUS.

I love, I love Thee, Lord most high!
Because Thou first hast loved me;
I seek no other liberty
But that of being bound to Thee.

May memory no thought suggest,
But shall to thy pure glory tend,
My understanding find no rest
Except in Thee, its only end.

*

My God, I here protest to Thee,
No other will I have than thine;
Whatever Thou hast giv'n to me,
I here again to Thee resign.

*

All mine is thine, — say but the word,
Whate'er Thou wilt shall be done;
I know thy love, all-gracious Lord;
I know it seeks my good alone.

*

Apart from Thee all things are naught;
Thou grant, O my supremest bliss, —
Grant me to love Thee as I ought: —
Thou givest all in giving this!

HYMN OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER.

My God, I love Thee, not because
I hope for heav'n thereby;
Nor because they who love Thee not
Must burn eternally.

Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me
Upon the Cross embrace;
For me didst bear the nails and spear,
And manifold disgrace.

*

And griefs and torments numberless,
And sweat of agony;
E'en death itself; — and all for one
Who was thine enemy.

*

Then why, O blessed Jesus Christ!
Should I not love Thee well;
Not for the sake of winning heaven,
Or of escaping hell:

*

Not with the hope of gaining aught;
Nor seeking a reward;
But, as Thyself hast loved me,
O ever-loving Love!

*

Ev'n so I love Thee, and will love,
And in thy praise will sing;
Solely because Thou art my God,
And my eternal King.

CHRIST UPON THE ALTAR.

O Jesu Lord, remember
When Thou shalt come again
Upon the clouds of heaven,
With all thy shining train; —

*

When every eye shall see Thee
In Deity reveal'd,
Who now upon this altar
In silence art conceal'd.

*

Remember then, O Saviour,
I supplicate of Thee,
That here I bow'd before Thee
Upon my bended knee.

*

That here I own'd thy presence,
And did not Thee deny;
And glorified thy greatness,
Though hid from human eye.

*

Accept, divine Redeemer,
The homage of my praise;
Be Thou the light and honour:
And glory of my days.

Be Thou my consolation
When death is drawing nigh;
Be Thou my only treasure
Through all eternity.

THE SAVIOUR'S SIDE.

Here is an everlasting home,
Where contrite souls may hide;
Where death and danger dare not come, —
The Saviour's side!

*

Hail, Rock of ages! pierc'd for me,
The grave of all my pride;
Hope, peace, and heaven, are all in Thee,
Thy sheltering side!

*

There issued forth the double flood,
The sin-atonement tide, —
In streams of water and of blood
From that dear side!

*

There is the only fount of bliss,
In joy and sorrow tried, —
No refuge for the heart like this, —
A Saviour's Side!

Thither the Church through all her days
Points as a faithful guide,
And celebrates with ceaseless praise
That spear-pierc'd Side!

TRANSUBSTANTIATION.

Hail to Thee! true Body, sprung
From the Virgin Mary's womb,
The same that on the Cross was hung,
And bore for man the bitter doom.

*

Thou whose side was pierc'd, and flow'd
Both with water and with blood;
Suffer us to taste of Thee,
In our life's last agony.

HYMNS TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

1. Ave maris stella.

Bright Mother of our Maker, hail,
Thou Virgin ever blest,
The ocean's star, by which we sail
And gain the port of rest.

Whilst we this Ave thus to thee
From Gabriel's mouth rehearse;
Prevail, that peace our lot may be
And Eva's name reverse.

*

Release our long entangled mind
From all the snares of ill,
With heavenly light instruct the blind,
And all our vows fulfil.

*

Exert for us a mother's care,
And us thy children own;
Prevail with Him to hear our prayer,
Who chose to be thy Son.

*

O spotless maid! whose virtues shine
With brightest purity:
Each action of our lives refine,
And make us pure like thee.

*

Reserve our lives unstained from ill,
In this infectious way;
That heaven alone our souls may fill,
With joys that ne'er decay.

III. Memento salutis Auctor.

Remember Thou, O gracious Lord,
The eternal God's co-equal Word,
In virgin's womb a creature made,
Our nature wore for nature's aid.

*

O happy Mary, chosen to be
Mother of grace and clemency!
Protect us at the hour of death,
And bear to heaven our parting breath.

*

May age to age for ever sing
The virgin's Son, and angel's King;
And praise with the celestial host
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

IV. Quem terra, pontus.

The sov'reign God, whose hands sustain
The globe of heav'n, the earth and main,
Adored and praised by each degree,
Lives hid, O sacred maid, in thee.

*

He whom the sun and moon obey,
To whom all creatures homage pay,

O happy parent, chosen to bear
Thy Maker, God's eternal heir;
Whose fingers span this earth around,
Whose arms the whole creation bound.

May age to age for ever sing,
The virgin's Son, and angel's King,
And praise with the celestial host
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

V. Ave maris stella.

Hail, Queen of heaven, the ocean star,
Guide of the wanderer here below,
Thrown on life's surge, we claim thy
care,
Save us from peril and from woe.

Mother of Christ, star of the sea,
Pray for the wanderer, pray for me.

*

O pious, chaste, and spotless maid,
We sinners make our prayers through
thee;

Remind thy Son, that He has paid
The price of our iniquity.

Virgin most pure, star of the sea,
Pray for the sinner, pray for me.

*

Sojourners in this vale of tears,
To Thee blest Advocate we cry,
Pity our sorrows, calm our fears,
And soothe with hope our misery.
Refuge in grief, star of the sea,
Pray for the mourner, pray for me.

*

And while to Him who reigns above,
In Godhead One, in persons Three,
The source of life, of grace, of love,
Homage we pay on bended knee:
Do thou, bright Queen, star of the sea,
Pray for thy children, pray for me.

VL The Mater alma.

Mother of almighty God!
Suppliant at thy feet we pray;
Shelter us from Satan's fraud,
Safe beneath thy wing, this day.

*

'T was by reason of our fall,
In our first forefather's crime,
That the mighty Lord of all
Rais'd thee to thy rank sublime.

*

O, then, upon Adam's race
Look thou with a pitying eye;
And entreat of Jesus grace,
Till He lay his anger by.

*

Honour, glory, virtue, merit,
Be to thee, O Virgin's Son!
With the Father, and the Spirit,
While eternal ages run.

ST. JOSEPH.

Seek ye the grace of God,
And mercies from on high? —
Invoke St. Joseph's holy name,
And on his aid rely.

So shall the Lord well pleased
Your earnest prayer fulfil;
The guilty cleanse from guilt, and make
The holy holier still.

*

So shall his tender care
To you through life be nigh;
So shall his love with triumph crown
Your dying agony.

*

Hail, mightiest of saints!
To whom submissive bent
He whose Creator-hand outstretch'd
The starry firmament.

*

Hail, Mary's spouse elect!
Hail, Guardian of the Word;
Nurse of the Highest, and esteem'd
The Father of the Lord!

*

Blest Trinity! to Thee
From all in earth and heaven,
And to St. Josephs holy name,
Be praise and honour given.

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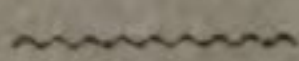
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